

# Roanoke City Electoral Board

## Meeting Minutes

### Friday October 30th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 1:06PM via Zoom

In attendance: Electoral Board members Sharon Lazar, Anna Goltz and John Brill; Director of Elections & General Registrar Andrew Cochran; and guest Aaron Stevenson

- Andy has been working 80 hour weeks in preparation for the November election
- Two precincts probably will have their polling location moved: East Gate and Highland.
- In early voting there has been 34.8% turnout. For context, we had 86% turnout in the 2016 presidential election
- Most precincts will be staffed with 3-4 new Election Day Officials (EDO)
- Voters will be asked to wear a mask. If they decline they will be asked to vote curbside.
- New station with ballot drop box inside each precinct will be available for people voting by mail.
- People who bring in a ballot that had been mailed to them can still vote. The ballot they brought in will be spoiled and they will be issued a fresh one. The Chief will have to call into the Registrar's Office to verify that the voter was only sent one ballot.
- Over 300 provisional ballots received during early voting.
- Numerous ID changes - examples: expired licenses, bank bill, and utility bills are now all acceptable forms of identification.
- There will be 3 ballot styles available on election day. 99.9% of them will be the full standard ballot. The other two ballot styles will be "Federal Offices Only" and "President Only".
- At the ballot table extra steps will be taken to show that the ballot has two sides and what is on both sides.
- The Electoral Board agrees to be available November 4th from 3PM-5PM and on November 5th and 6th from 1PM-5PM for processing provisional ballots and certifying the election.
- Due to the various new ways to accept ballots (early voting, voting via mail, mailed in ballots accepted at polling locations, etc) it will be important to go sequentially through different counting methods to ensure that the votes are properly counted. Example: Suppose a voter requested an absentee ballot, but before they received that ballot in the mail they decided to come in person to vote under "No Excuse Early Voting". In this case they would likely fill out a provisional ballot in CAP. But then the voter receives the ballot in the mail they had requested and decide to fill it out and send it in. In order to prevent both their mail in ballot and the provisional ballot from being counted, the mail in ballots need to be counted first. Then when the Electoral Board goes through the provisional ballots they can rightly identify those who had done so as having already voted by mail.
- Early voting closes at 5PM on Saturday the 31st of October.
- General Discussion on Election Day and the EDO experiences.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43PM

Respectfully submitted by John Brill, Secretary of the Roanoke City Electoral Board