



The Rockingham Electoral Board met on **September 10, 2024** to begin Logic & Accuracy Testing for the November 5, 2024 General and Special Elections. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Auchard at 9:30 a.m. Members attending included: Robert (Mike) Auchard; Rebecca Ruckman, Vice Chair; and Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary.

Staff in attendance: Lisa B. Gooden, Director of Elections; Emily Helms, Chief Deputy Registrar; and Madaline Paladino, Deputy Registrar. Also attending: Zack Weaver of Election Services Online; and Daryl Borquist, Republican Party Chair.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Rebecca Ruckman, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 11, 2024 and the minutes of June 19-24, 2024 Canvass of Votes for the June 18, 2024 Republican Party Primary, U.S. House of Representatives, as presented.

**Political Signage at the County Administration Center:** There was discussion regarding the placement of political 'campaign' signs during early voting at the County Administration Building, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg. After some discussion, a motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Rebecca Ruckman, and unanimously carried, to establish a policy for all elections to limit the hours for signs to be displayed to coincide with the actual hours of early voting of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The Director of Elections will communicate this new policy to the major political party leaders and to candidates.

The Board reviewed the parking for curbside voting, election officers who are working shifts for early voting. Staff will work on appropriate signage for the early voting timeframe.

**Resignation of Electoral Board Member:** Robert (Mike) Auchard that due to some ongoing health issues, he will be resigning from the Board effective 9/30/2024.

Members of the Board and staff noted that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Auchard.

**Risk Limiting Audit:** Members were informed that the state mandated Risk Limiting Audit will be held the week of Thanksgiving and will be held in the Fire & Rescue training room.

**Election Officer Updates:** The Board was presented a list of new Election Officer hires, and a motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Becky Ruckman, and unanimously carried, to approve the list as follows:

The Board will need to confirm the following individuals for service as election officers effective immediately through February 28, 2027:

<i>Charles Boles (D)</i>	<i>Renee Conell (I)</i>
<i>Winifred "Larue" Bouchelle (R)</i>	<i>Liam Craddock (D)</i>
<i>Sarah Chevalier (I)</i>	<i>Lori Dixon (I)</i>
<i>Lee Anna Farrall (D)</i>	<i>Bernard Ferguson (R/B)</i>
<i>Teresa Frazier (D)</i>	<i>Melissa Gehman (I)</i>
<i>Lorraine Getter-Howe (D)</i>	<i>Cerise Haas (D)</i>
<i>Rose Harper (I)</i>	<i>Aili Huber (D)</i>
<i>Keith Jackson (D)</i>	<i>Ryan Kline (R)</i>
<i>Heather Koontz (I)</i>	<i>MaKynna Lam (R)</i>
<i>Helen Lyonnais (I)</i>	<i>Robert Lyonnais (I)</i>
<i>Jodi Morra (I)</i>	<i>Elizabeth Miller Neff (I)</i>
<i>Mary Catherine Reed (D)</i>	<i>James Reedy (R)</i>
<i>Janet Rhodes (I)</i>	<i>Anita Riggelman (D)</i>
<i>Phyllis Ritchie (R)</i>	<i>Cynthia Sherman (R)</i>
<i>Donna Pettit (R)</i>	<i>Dennis Wilson (R)</i>
<i>Melody Wilson (I)</i>	<i>David Wood (I)</i>
<i>Timothy Woodward (D)</i>	<i>Deborah Zimmerman (R)</i>
<i>Sandra Parks (D)</i>	<i>Stacy Smootz (R)</i>

**Registrant Count:** The total number of voters as of 9/9/2024 was reported at a total of 58,821.

**Capital Outlay Request for FY 25-26 for New Electronic Pollbook System**

**(KnowInk):** Members of the Electoral Board have been discussing with staff and the county's Technology Director and Deputy Technology Director the issues that

have become more prevalent with the electronic pollbook (EPBs) in recent elections, as well as changes in the vendor who manages this system.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Rebecca Ruckman, and unanimously carried, to submit a request for funding for a new Electronic Pollbook system (KnowInk Pollpads) at a cost that is anticipated to be approximately \$200,000 (but could be slightly higher) in the 2025-26 fiscal year. If favorable approval is received by the County, this system would be implemented with the start of early voting in September 2025 and also in every precinct in November 2025 General Election

**Recess:** A motion was made Susan Threewitts, seconded by Rebecca Ruckman, and unanimously carried, to recess the meeting at 6:00 p.m. until the next L & A testing set for September 24, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Reconvene:** The Electoral Board reconvened on September 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Registrar’s annex to complete the L & A testing of voting equipment for the November 5, 2024 General and Special Elections.

Those attending the session included: Rebecca Ruckman, Vice Chair and Susan Threewitts, as well as Registrar’s Office staff.

Also in attendance was David K. McQuilkin, Electoral Board appointee effective October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and representatives from Election Services Online (ESO) – Kimberlee Shoup-Erney and Zack Weaver.

It was noted that there will be a Western District meeting of the Virginia Electoral Board Association on October 5, 2024 in Verona. Rebecca Ruckman and David McQuilkin indicated that they planned to attend.

After no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Members agreed to meet on Monday, October 7, at 9:30 a.m. to reorganize.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Threewitts, Secretary