**Accomack County Board of Elections** 

Canvas and Provisional Meeting

Accomack County Registrar's Office

November 8, 2023

Present Board Members Ms. Nancy Carroll, Ms. Martha Sutherland, Dr. Roger Omwake, Registrar Angel Shrieves Observer Mrs. Alice Rogers.

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to review all results and declare them official along with holding a closed session to review and count the provisional ballots. Number 2 envelopes were opened to acquire the statements of results (SOR) with the accompanying machine tapes. Some 2A were opened to accomplish this. Envelopes 1A and 8 were opened to acquire the provisional ballot logs and the accompanying provisional ballots. The Board created provisional ballot logs for 101, 403, and 701 precincts. The #7 envelopes were opened to provide the Registrar with the USBs needed to give voter credit. Board recessed at 12:20PM. The Board reconvened at 1:15PM. At that time the Chair moved: I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections convene in closed session pursuant to section 24.2-653.01of the code of Virginia for the purpose of conducting the Provisional Ballot Review. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland Roll call vote: Dr. Omwake yes Ms. Sutherland yes Ms. Carroll yes. The Board went into closed session at 1:18PM. At 2:33PM closed session was recessed and open session resumed. The SOR's and result tapes of all precincts involved in the live November 7, 2023 General and Special Election were reviewed and confirmed. The same was done for the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) including the absentee ballot results and the early voting results. During this process it was discovered one precinct had not counted their two outside the poll ballots. The chief was requested to appear. The ballots had been placed in the #3 envelope requiring Elect and court permission to open. Ms. Shrieves submitted form Elect 659 on our behalf. The review of results was completed at 7:40PM. At this time open session was recessed and closed session resumed. At 7:50PM closed session was recessed. On November 9, 2023 both Ms. Carroll and Dr. Omwake were in the office doing clerical work to ready the Board for the November 13, 2023 session. Nothing was processed or reviewed.

Monday November 13, 2023 10:00AM Present: Ms. Carroll, Ms. Sutherland, Dr. Omwake, Mr. Samuel CooperCerk of Courts, Mr. Jeffery Procter Chief Mappsville Precinct The #3 envelope for the 501mMappsville precinct was identified, seal broken and the 2 uncounted outside the poll envelopes recovered. It was then resealed with all parties' present signing the seal. Mr. Procter counted the ballots and corrected the result tapes with the Board witnessing. The Board then amended all relevant paperwork for the 11-8-2023 Canvas session. At 1:50PM the Board resumed closed session. Mrs. Alice Rogers was present as the observer for independent school board candidate Mr. Malcolm White. Ms. Sutherland moved to leave closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Omwake Roll call vote: Ms. Sutherland yes Dr. Omwake yes Ms. Carroll yes Chair Carroll moved: I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections certify to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland Roll call vote Ms. Sutherland yes Dr. Omwake yes Ms. Carroll yes 43 provisional ballots were examined. 39 were approved to be counted and 4 were rejected. The results of these votes are in the Provisional Precinct listing. The regular canvas resumed approximately 3:30 PM. The CAP results for the late arriving

absentee ballots were reviewed. The provisional results were reviewed. Final vote totals were established. While totals were established for candidates, early voting totals and absentee totals were not returned to the precincts. This process is done post-election by the Registrar. All work and results compiled by the Board during Canvas were presented to the Registrar. Ms. Sutherland moved to close the Canvas 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Carroll and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Roger Omwake