

June 18, 2024
Republican Primary for U.S. Senate
Highlights Training

Montgomery County
Officer of Election Training

Introductions



Electoral Board:

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Kenneth L. Stiles

Carroll D. Williams

Registrar:

Connie Viar

Chief Deputy Registrar:

Trina French

Primary Elections



- Write-in votes are <u>not</u> permitted in a Primary.
- The FVS Scanner will not print a Write-In Report tape at closing.



Closing and locking the Cage

When you close the doors and rotate the handle to secure the doors, make sure the hooks (at the top and bottom) catch properly on the frame before you apply the lock.



Wrong way to close the cage door

Cage - Top Shelf Contents



Top shelf – Front Row

1 Poll Pad Case must be placed in front of the other two cases.



Box/Envelope 6

Unvoted Ballots:
a box for each
primary

Top Shelf – <u>Back Row</u>

(2) Two Poll Pads

Plastic Bin needs to be placed <u>lengthwise</u> in the cage.



Marking Booths (5)

Clear Plastic Box

Machine Instructions w/Headphones

Power Cords

Surge Protectors

Clipboards

Privacy Folders

Ballot Receipt Box

Cage - Bottom Shelf Contents



Blue Absentee Mail Ballot Drop Box

Delivered Unassembled.

Information, Log, & Seals inside

- Tri-Fold Poster Board
- Election Day Hours
 Sign
- Box 3A (Unassembled)

FVT – ADA Tablet Voting Machine



Marking Booths (5)

FVS – Ballot Scanner

 Locked to top of Ballot Box.

Power Cord

- Plug already inserted into back of scanner.
- Cord is wound up and held to handle with Velcro.

DON'T TALK POLITICS

Your work on Election Day is <u>non-partisan</u>.

Please do NOT discuss candidates, parties, issues, etc. with Voters or with other Officers on Election Day.

Electronic Pollbooks



 Open and Close instructions for the Poll Pads will be in the Ziploc bag (with the voting machine instructions) in the <u>clear plastic bin on the top</u> <u>shelf of the cage</u>.



Election Day Set Up Pollbook Officers



- Print one Pollbook Opening Summary Report from each of the three Poll Pads according to the Poll Pad setup instructions.
- The spot check comparison between Absentee Voter names listed in the Final Absentee Ballot Report and names listed on the Poll Pad is no longer required. (This change was implemented with last March's primary.)

Check-in Table Voting Hours

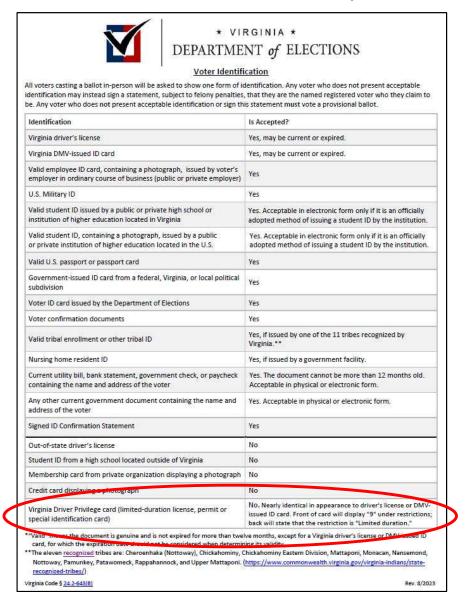


- Poll Pad prints a Ballot Receipt for each voter when check-in is complete.
- Hand Ballot Receipt to voter when returning ID.
- Direct Voter to Ballot Table.

Chief Officers: If there is not enough physical space for a separate Ballot Table or you are short-staffed, Pollbook Officers may retain Ballot Receipt and issue the ballot directly to the voter.

Approved Identification

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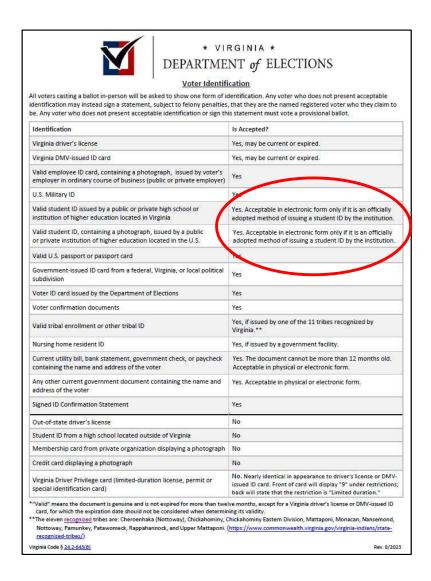
Unless otherwise noted, acceptable forms of identification do NOT have to contain a photograph of the voter. Some acceptable forms of ID do not have an address.

*"Valid" means the document is genuine and is not expired for more than twelve months, EXCEPT for a Virginia driver's license, for which the expiration date should NOT be considered when determining its validity.

Driver Privilege Card is issued to noncitizens and by definition is not an acceptable ID for voting. It has a "9" under restrictions on the front. Restriction listed on back says "Limited duration."

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ELECTRONIC FORMS OF ID

Student IDs from <u>some</u> institutions of higher learning located in Virginia are acceptable in electronic form.

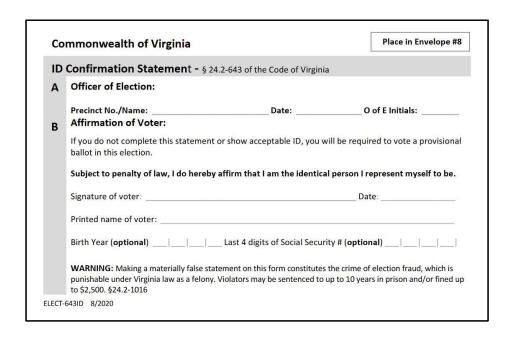
Currently, only the following student IDs are acceptable in electronic form:

George Mason University Liberty University Roanoke College

Please note that student IDs from high schools located outside Virginia are NOT approved in any form.

An electronic form of these documents continues to be acceptable: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing name and address of the voter.

Approved Identification



Do NOT
turn a voter away
for lack of
identification!

- Send the voter to the Chief.
- Voter can sign an ID Confirmation Statement affirming they are the registered voter they claim to be. A voter can then be checked in and allowed to vote normally on the precinct equipment.

Voter Check-In Situations



See "What if" Guide for more detailed information

- Voter is listed as "Inactive" or has been flagged with "Confirmation Mailing"
- Voter is listed as "Absentee Voter"
- Voter is not found in the pollbook, has "Same Day Registration" flag, or asks to do "Same Day Registration"
- Voter's stated name or address does not match pollbook record
- Voter is listed as having already voted.
- Voter is challenged

Send voter to the Chief.

HAVA Voters At Check-In



- Poll Pad shows a blue banner and "Voter Must Show ID."
- This person registered through the mail or a third-party registration drive.
- When voting in their first federal election, this voter must show:
 - a current and valid <u>photo</u> identification OR
 - a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.
- Check voter in normally if they have an ID listed above.
- If they do not have one of these IDs, send the Voter to the Chief. The Voter may NOT complete an ID Confirmation Statement.

See What Ifs... Page 6, Problem 1.

Ballot OfficerBefore the Polls Open

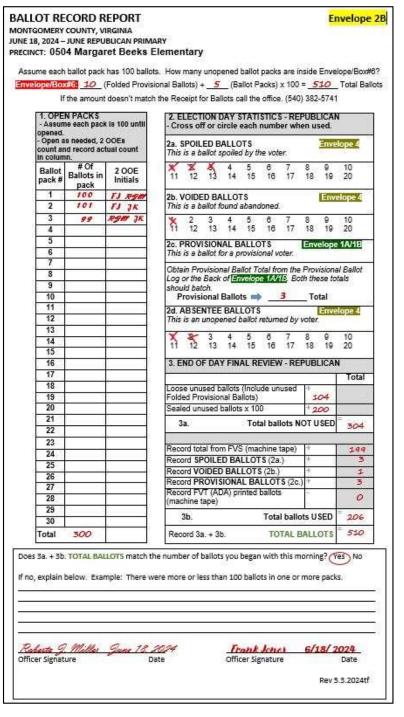


- When Officers open the Boxes/Envelope #6, they will find:
 - The Receipt for Ballots. Remove it and set it aside.
 - An envelope with <u>10</u> pre-folded Provisional Ballots
 - Shrink-wrapped packs of regular ballots. (100 ballots/pack)

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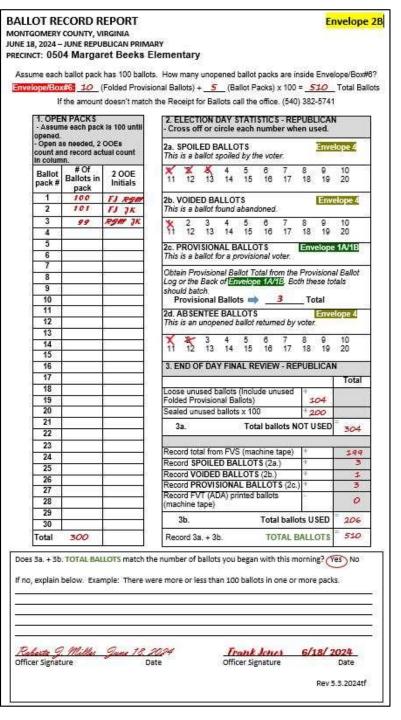


- Record the number of ballots received on the Ballot Record Report form. (Include the number of pre-folded Provisionals.)
- Compare number of ballots received to information on the Receipt for Ballots. If number matches, sign the Receipt and give it to the Chief. If numbers do not match, inform the Chief. The Chief will keep this form for return in Envelope 2B.
- As each shrink-shrink-wrapped pack of ballots is opened, <u>two</u>
 <u>Officers</u> must count the number of ballots contained. Record
 that number on the *Ballot Record Report*.



Ballot Record Report Single-Page Format

- Top: Count number of ballots sent in Box/Envelope 6.
- Section 1: Count ballots in each pack after opening. Enter number on form and counting Officers' initials.
- Section 2: Record disposition of Spoiled and Voided Ballots.
 - Entry for Provisional Ballots in Section 2c will come from the Provisional Ballot Log after close of polls.
- Record number of surrendered Absentee Ballots in Section 2d.



Ballot Record Report

Single-Page Format

- Section 3a: Count loose and stillpackaged unused ballots. Include unused Folded Provisionals.
- Section 3b: Enter number of ballots used by category (Scanned, Spoiled, Voided, and Provisional).

Enter number of ballots printed by the FVT (ADA Tablet).

Add/Subtract entries as indicated.

- Does sum of USED and NOT USED ballots equal the total number of ballots delivered to the precinct?
- Explain the discrepancy if you have one.

Example Paper Ballot (June 2024)

Ballot Style: 1 Commonwealth of Virginia, SAMPLE BALLOT County of Montgomery Republican Party Primary Election Tuesday, June 18, 2024 Making selections To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the name. If you want to change a vote or if you have made a mistake, ask an election officer for another ballot. If you make marks on the ballot besides filling in the oval, your votes may not be counted. Member **United States Senate** Vote for only one Hung Cao Edward C. "Eddie" Garcia Jr. Jonathan W. Emord C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr. Scott Thomas Parkinson

Ballot Style

Name of

Primary

Ballot Officer

While the Polls Are Open



- Responsible for handing out ballots to voters
 - Take the Ballot Receipt from the voter and place in Ballot Receipt Box.
 - Remind voters to:
 - Fill in ovals completely and neatly
 - Insert ballot in privacy folder and hand folder with ballot to the voter.
 - Direct voter to marking booth area.

Setup/Shutdown Equipment Procedures Two minds are better than one!

- Assign two Officers to set up pollbooks and two Officers to set up voting machines.
 - One Officer should read instructions as the other carries out each step.
 - Follow instructions as written!

Equipment Seals

Morning Tasks - Follow Opening Instructions!

- Check that exterior seals of both machines are intact.
- Compare <u>SERIAL</u> and <u>SEAL</u> numbers of the scanner (FVS) and ADA Tablet (FVT) to numbers recorded on back of <u>Envelope 7</u>.
- Cut seal at handle of each machine, unlock lid with key, and open. Put used seals in Envelope 7.
- Check that interior seal of each machine is intact and compare interior seal numbers to numbers recorded on back of Envelope 7.



Poll Closing Tasks



Detailed Instructions: Pages 10 – 25 of "Election Day Guide for Officers of Election:"

- Pollbook Officers print 3 copies of the Pollbook Summary report before disassembling and packing equipment in the green cases.
 Apply security seals to each case and record seal numbers on Envelope 7.
- Ballot Officers complete the Ballot Record Report, then pack unused ballots in Box/Envelope 6. Tape box closed, apply signed seals.
- Voting Machine Officers print three copies of Scanner (FVS) and ADA Tablet (FVT) Closing Tapes following machine instructions.
- Officers complete two copies of the SOR and one Printed Return Sheet.
- Remove all polling place signs and adhesive tape. Leave polling place and area inside of 40' prohibited area clean and organized.



Poll Closing Tasks



See "Election Day Guide for Officers of Election" for detailed instructions

- Two Officers, working separately, will complete two identical copies of the Statement of Results. Complete initially in pencil. After confirming copies match, copy over pencil in black ink. Make sure all Officers sign both copies.
- Attach a complete set of opening and closing tapes to each SOR:

FVS Scanner Zero Tape

Election Summary Tape (results tape)

Write-in Report

FVT Tablet Open Report

Close Report

Poll Pad Opening Summary Report

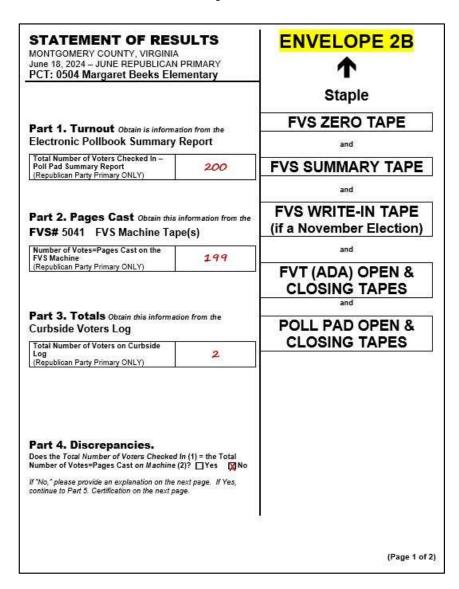
Closing Summary Report



Polls Closing Tasks



See "Election Day Guide for Officers of Election" for detailed instructions



Parts 1 through 3. Enter:

- Number of voters checked in from the <u>Pollbook Summary</u> <u>Report printed after close of</u> <u>polls</u>.
- Number of "Pages Cast" from the Scanner <u>Results Tape</u>.
- Number of curbside voters from Curbside Voter Log.

Part 4. Check Box Yes/No

Does Number of Voters Checked
 In = Number of Pages Cast?



Polls Closing Tasks



See "Election Day Guide for Officers of Election" for detailed instructions

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- If there is a discrepancy between number of Pages Cast and Number of Voters Checked In, explain reason for discrepancy in Part 4.
- All Officers sign BOTH copies of the SOR.



Poll Closing Tasks



See "Election Day Guide for Officers of Election" for detailed instructions

- Complete the Printed Return Sheet (yellow paper)
- Attach a complete set of voting machine tapes:

FVS Scanner Zero Tape

Election Summary Tape (Results)

Write-in Report

FVT Tablet Open Report

Close Report

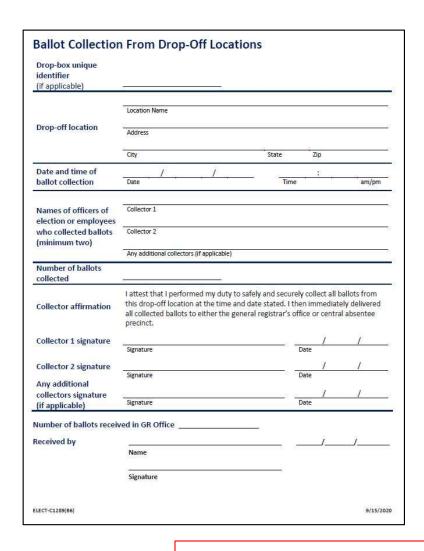
Poll Pad Opening Summary Report

Closing Summary Report

- Make sure that all Officers sign this form. Place in Envelope 2A.
- After completing the SORs and the Printed Return Sheet, place any additional voting machine tapes in Envelope 2B.

Completed Absentee Ballot Drop Off

Chain of Custody Form



After the polls close, at least two Officers will:

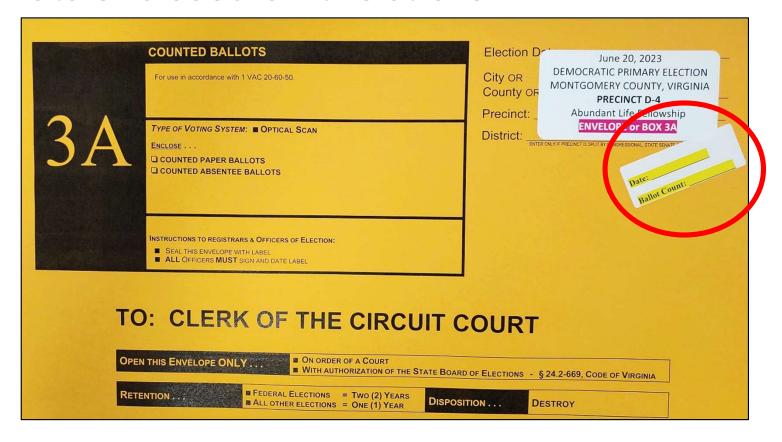
- Count absentee ballots in the Ballot Bag.
- Record the day and time the ballots are counted on the Ballot Collection From Drop-Off Locations form.
- Enter their names, then sign and date.
- Officer transporting Ballot Bag to the Registrar's office must also sign.
- Place Ballot Collection form inside the bag and apply new seal to clasp. Record seal number on Envelope 7.
- Do <u>not</u> collapse the bag before return.

Complete the form and deliver re-sealed Ballot Bag EVEN IF NO ballots have been dropped off.

Envelope/Box 3A Voted Ballots



 Please enter the date and total number of voted ballots enclosed on the sticker.





Polls Closing Tasks



Seals for the Envelopes and Boxes

NEW with this election:

- Enter number of voted ballots contained in Envelope/Box 3A.
- Seal lists the number of Seals to apply to Box/Envelope if greater than one.

Required Signature	s
ALL Officers	
Date:	
1*	
2*	
3*	
4*	
5*	
6*	
7*	
8*	
# Ballots	
Seals per Box/Envelop	e

Signature Requirements

- Election Day Oath all Officers
- Pay record all Officers
- SOR (both copies) all Officers
- Yellow Printed Sheet all Officers
- Envelope/Box #3A (Voted Ballots) must be closed with tape and sealed with signatures of ALL OFFICERS!
- FVS thumb drive padded Envelope two Officers
- Ballot Receipts Envelope two Officers
- Voting Machine Tapes two Officers (Chief and Assistant Chief or designated Officers)
- Seals on numbered Election Materials Envelopes two Officers

Best practice: Everybody sign everything!

When only two Officers are required to sign, the two Officers should be of different parties.



DO NOT PACK
POLL PAD CASES
IN CAGE. Chief
will bring Poll
Pads back to
office on
Election Night.

Blue Absentee
Ballot Drop
Bag will be
returned to
the office by
the Chief on
Election Night.

Do NOT collapse the bag. Do NOT place bag in cage for return.



Repacking the Cage



Box/Envelope 6
UNUSED Ballots

Cage inventory photos are posted on the inside of the cage doors.

- Put all LARGE rolls of tape in the Plastic Bin: Masking tape, painter's tape, and duct tape.
- Place the Scanner back in the cage with the handles facing the cage door.
- Lock wheels after cage is in place.

Stand-Up Ballot Marking Booths



The case is 24 x 24 x 5 inches.

It will <u>NOT</u> fit in the cage and must be transported to and from the polling place by the Chief or volunteer Officer.

If another Officer is assisting with the return, they may wait a day or two to bring it in.

Before the Polls Open



The Chief Officer will review emergency procedures with all officers:

- Location of fire extinguishers and fire alarms.
- Location of emergency exits.
- Identify potential hazards (icy steps/sidewalks, slick/wet floors, electrical cords on floors).
- Location of emergency phone to call 911.
- Designate officer to call 911.
- Designate a safe location to meet and wait outside building.



Election Day Emergencies

- Natural disasters (earthquakes, winter storms, etc.).
- Damaged or malfunctioning voting equipment.
- Electrical power outage.
- Officers of Election who do not show up on Election Day.
- Inability to enter the polling place.
- Bomb threat.
- Unruly or threatening behavior from a citizen.

Call the Registrar: 382-5741



Election Day Emergencies

- Electrical power outage
 - All facilities have emergency lighting sufficient to exit the building.
 - An <u>electrical generator and operational lighting</u> will be delivered to affected polling place.
 - Poll Pads will still communicate with one another, but the <u>printers</u> will not function. Officers will write Voter Passes by hand.

Call the Registrar: 382-5741



What to do in an Evacuation

- Voting Machine Officers should note "public counter" number on voting machine.
- <u>If possible</u>, take voting machines, electronic pollbooks, ballot box, paper ballots, forms, envelopes, and pens.
- If you are unable to continue the voting process outside the polling place, record the names of voters already checked in and advise them to wait until the building can be re-entered.
- If they must leave, advise them to return before 7:00 pm.
 Allow them to go to front of check-in line when they return.
- If voter must leave and has already been issued a ballot, voter must insert ballot in emergency ballot box or turn ballot in to the Chief.

Closing Reminders



Review training documents before Election Day:

- Election Day Guide (2023)
- Basic Training presentation (June 2024)
- SOR Example (June 2024)

Documents are available at the Montgomery County Registrar's website:

https://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/departments/voter-registration/officer-of-election

Mission and Role of Precinct Officer

- To help every registered voter cast a ballot
- To ensure that each ballot is secure
- To provide a positive voting experience
- To ensure that the rights of everyone seeking to vote are protected
- To provide excellent customer service
- To be familiar with voter's rights
- To assist voters with disabilities.

This could not be done without you!

Thank you!

