

Canvass

November 7, 2023 Election

What's the Canvass

- Review of Unofficial Results
- Leads to Certification of Results
- Begins Wednesday, November 8
- Ends Monday, November 13
- Concludes with Electoral Board
 - Completing Abstract of Votes
 - Issuing Certificates of Election to Local Candidates

Reviewing Precinct Returns

- Electoral Board Reviews the “Statement of Results” completed by the officers of election in the precincts.
- Compares “Ballots Cast” to “Poll Book Count”
- Checks the Recording of Vote Totals (transposition errors such as flipped digits, wrong race, etc.)
- Reviews other information from Officers.

Precinct Review Schedule

- Wednesday (could extend further in the week)
 - Election Day Precincts
 - Early Voting "Precinct"
 - By Mail Absentee "Precinct"
- Monday
 - Post-Election "Precinct" (By Mail Absentees returned to election day dropboxes, or returned by mail after Election Day, but postmarked on or before Election Day)
 - Provisional "Precinct" (After provisional ballot hearing, all accepted ballots are counted together and reported as a precinct)

Provisional Ballot Hearing

- Electoral Board holds closed meeting (one representative from each Party and each independent candidate may attend)
- Considers whether or not provisional ballots offered should be cast and counted.
- May hear from voters
- Hearing convened on Wednesday, but usually adjourned for one or more additional sessions.

What Canvass Observers Do

- Secure Provisional Ballot Log–Send to help@virginia.gop
- Complete Canvass Precinct Report Form for each precinct
 - Record “Ballots Cast” and “Poll Book Count”
 - Make Notes on Other issues discussed, especially discrepancy in numbers
 - Send completed forms at end of each day to help@virginia.gop
- One Observer (authorized by Party Chair) attends Provisional Ballot Hearing
 - Use Provisional Ballot Log to follow along and ensure that Board follows law in making decisions
- Be Sure to Include the City/County Name in the Subject line of Your E-mail

Hotline Available To Help

The Election Day Hotline remains available to assist

- Call 804-600-4809
- E-mail help@virginia.gop
- Visit va.protectthevote.com