

June 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL (records@americanoversight.org)

Anisha Hindocha
American Oversight

AO redaction – PII

Re: *Virginia FOIA Request Response*

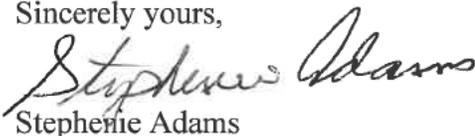
Dear Ms. Hindocha:

Pittsylvania County, Virginia (“County”), is in receipt of your April 23, 2024, email requesting records deemed to have been made in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (“VA FOIA”); (Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3700 *et seq.*). This is a timely and legal response to your VA FOIA request tolled for prepayment received on May 30, 2024. In said VA FOIA request, you requested the following: **emails of Electoral Board Vice Chairman David Law and Electoral Board Secretary Arlene Burkhardt from January 1, 2024, to time of search, as outlined in your letter of April 23, 2024.**

Attached please find all your requested records the County has in its possession. The County, as allowed by Virginia Code § 2.2-3704(F), can make a reasonable charge to cover its actual costs to access and search for the requested records. Accordingly, said production cost, less fringe benefits and overhead, is \$305.51. This figure is arrived at as follows: five (5) hours of an Information Management Department employee’s time, at a rate of \$42.58 (without fringes) per hour, to research, review, and gather the requested records; and three (3) hours of the VA FOIA Officer’s time, at a rate of \$30.87 (without fringes) per hour, to review and finalize the response. The attached invoice has been marked paid.

Please contact me if you have any questions about anything contained herein.

Sincerely yours,



Stephanie Adams
VA FOIA Officer
Legal Assistant

Encls.

VA FOIA Officer
1 Center Street
P.O. Box 426
Chatham, Virginia 24531

Tax ID #54-6001508

INVOICE # 607
Date: June 5, 2024

Phone 434-432-7720
Fax 434-432-1778

Bill To:
Anisha Hindocha
American Oversight

For: VA FOIA Request Response

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DESCRIPTION	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
emails of Electoral Board Vice Chairman David Law and Electoral Board Secretary Arlene Burkhardt from January 1, 2024 to time of search, as outlined in your letter of April 23, 2024.			
EMAIL			
Production Cost \$42.58 per hr. @ (5 hours) (Okey Norcutt)			\$212.90
\$30.87 per hr. @ (3 hours) (Stephenie Adams)			\$92.61
		TOTAL	\$305.51

Please send Invoice with remittance

Make checks payable to: Pittsylvania County Treasurer

Send to: Pittsylvania County Attorney, P.O. Box 426, 1 Center Street, Chatham, Virginia, 24531

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Stephenie Adams
stephenie.adams@pittgov.org

Stephenie Adams

Subject: Canvass - Certification of Election
Location: Election and Training Center Conference Room

Start: Tue 1/16/2024 9:00 AM
End: Tue 1/16/2024 10:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Shani A. Shorter
Resources: Election and Training Center Conference Room

Stephenie Adams

From: Shani A. Shorter <Shani.Shorter@pittgov.org>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:10 AM
To: David Law; Arlene Burkhardt; Anita A. White
Subject: FW: ***REGISTRARS' ELECTION INTEGRITY NOTICE: Important Legal Information to Know in Advance of Upcoming 2024 Primary and General Elections
Attachments: Lindell Team - Col. Sean Smith (Ret.) - Enemy Inside the Wire.pptx

All,

I wanted to make you aware of this. I have alerted County Administration and the Registrar Association has been in contact with Commissioner Beales. I will update you should we receive anything else.

Shani A. Shorter

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From: Thomas Kasperek <tomkasperek@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:34 AM
To: Thomas Kasperek <tomkasperek@protonmail.com>
Subject: ***REGISTRARS' ELECTION INTEGRITY NOTICE: Important Legal Information to Know in Advance of Upcoming 2024 Primary and General Elections

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General Registrars,

I hope this email is timely and useful. We trust this crucial communique will be helpful in dealing with a very difficult situation you face as Directors of Elections in the upcoming 2024 election seasons.

My name is Thomas Kasperek. A group of concerned nonpartisan citizens from across Virginia are working hard to uphold the civil rights of all legal voters in the Commonwealth who are deeply concerned about the trustworthiness and vulnerability of electronic voting equipment across the state. As you will see by the attached presentation, the provability of upcoming elections is highly indeterminate. We believe that you may be unaware of what is transpiring on the election infrastructure backend, via a network monitoring application called Albert, likely running on the router backbone statewide and countywide. Are you aware of this situation? If not, are you curious about this claim?

If you were not informed about this situation, you are now. Further, you should be asking questions and demanding answers of Susan Beals and the State Electoral Board, as well as your County Electoral Board. According to the attached presentation by a former military cybersecurity expert, the FirstNet emergency first-responder network may or may not be compromised to enable an invisible network upon which election reporting services are potentially manipulated to pre-determined electoral outcomes via the pollbooks and ballot scanners — regardless of the brand name of the equipment being used. Please take this seriously and investigate, per the attached presentation with notes.

Our concerns are justified, concluded by the thousands of hours of research and reports that we produced, along with other national experts, who have generated a myriad of questions leading us to believe there is no way for Directors of Elections in Virginia to legally prove the outcome of upcoming 2024 elections for the following reasons:

- The percentage of voting-age eligible voters who are registered to vote in many counties is impossibly high, with no way for the registrars or the citizens to validate legally registered voters
- The number of ballots recorded in 2020-2023 elections exceed the number of voters voting, according to publicly available data, and more of the same is planned ahead in 2024
- There is no way to estimate or validate the number of noncitizens on the voter registration rolls, with no written policy or process to remove them in time for 2024 primary and general elections
- These issues result in a precarious legal situation where the results of elections using electronic voting systems to tally certified vote counts is unprovable, and therefore in

inaccurate, and thus uncertain. This email serves to put you on notice as to this precarious situation. Our recommendation is to NOT CERTIFY.

As Directors of Elections in your County, you are responsible for accurate, provable, and certifiable elections. You may not be aware of our activity, but citizen-statesmen like us across Virginia have been working very hard behind the scenes to produce real election integrity results — the kind that honestly addresses the root problems in our counties where election law is likely not being followed — unbeknownst to you. Perhaps this activity does not happen in your county, but be assured, most General Registrars are unaware of what is truly going on behind the scenes because it has been hidden from you. The real problem is that election civil rights law is likely being violated and federal and state officials are using the local election officials to carry out these violations. We are here to help and inform you, and to help carry the load of conducting elections that are accurate, secure, and verifiable.

See attached presentation by Sean Smith for stunning detail. But there is so much more. Rest assured: Nearly every county in Virginia is likely dealing with some level of federal overreach into your local elections. It must stop before the 2024 general election, and preferably prior to the 2024 primary.

Please review the attached presentation yourself and if you are interested in knowing more, please call me at the number below. As nonpartisan election validity volunteers, we want to help get the word out resolutely to your county political people and Party Chairs. In other words, please talk about this content everywhere. Time is ticking away. If you like the content, we can present it to certain groups in certain ways which gets this critical message across so we can plan a strategy and develop a plan for stopping the potential cheating in our state elections in 2024.

This election integrity information puts the Commonwealth of Virginia election officials at the county level on notice that we believe the laws relevant to free and fair elections are being violated. We must prevent what is likely planned for 2024 voter roll violations, extra ballots cast exceeding the number of voters voting, noncitizens and phantom citizens voting, and potentially fraudulent mail-in ballot stuffing.

The following remedies exist:

1. Injunction or moratorium against electronic voting equipment for the use of tallying certified electronic vote counts, until equipment can be tested for intrusion vulnerabilities
2. Monitor the Albert network communications to ensure that the infrastructure does not suffer a Sequel Server attack as in the 2020 elections, or other anomalous activity during elections
3. Conduct accurate, cost-effective, highly efficient, and citizen-involved hand counts of the "official paper ballots" in full view of the public during the entire voting period
4. Allow for a deeper analysis of the voter registration rolls and the voter history, to determine seemingly invalid voters voting in elections, and duplicate voters on the rolls under different identities
5. Conduct an end-to-end compliance audit, documenting the entire chain of custody of ballots, starting with paper purchase to printing, batch distribution, ballot transfers, adjudication / canvass, to certified vote totals, to Clerk of Court custody of the archived paper ballots and thumb drives. The paper ballots must be counted by citizen involvement.

Call me to let me know you received this information with interest and have any questions.

Thomas Kasperek
Citizen, Loudoun County, who values the vote of all American citizens
(202) 957-8454

Enemy Inside the Wire

COL SHAWN SMITH (RET)



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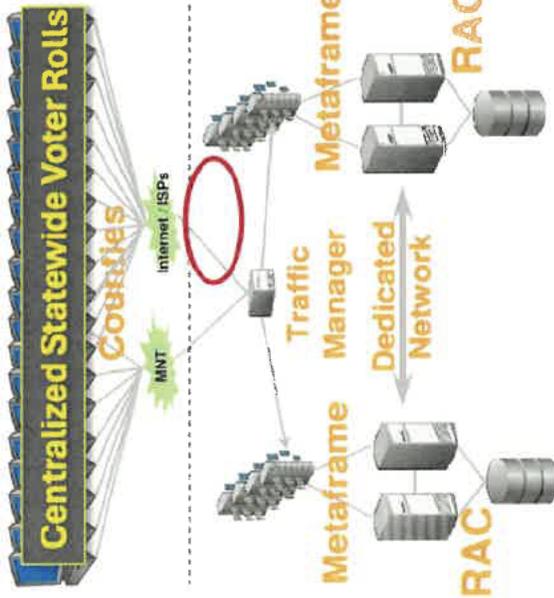


Restoring National Confidence Summit

LINDELL TEAM



The Election System We Have



Vendor Access to Central Rolls

The Runbeck team has successfully developed an API for the Agilis to integrate with S&C capture and verification. This interface software to download and upload .lot files

Industrial Vendor Ballot Printing



USPS Delivery/Return



Vendor Access to Central Rolls/USPS

Ballot Tracking is not covered under the current EAC guidelines, for this reason and the fact that our software works in a SaaS (Software as a Service) environment, i3logix will not disclose the source code of i3ballot or submit such to escrow.

All before the first vote is counted.



The Election System We Have

ES&S



Dominion



Hart-InterCivic



Unisyn



Clear Ballot Group



It's ALL Machines.



Systems Made Entirely in U.S., of U.S. Parts

None.



The Threat

“The exploitation of key supply chains by foreign adversaries—especially when executed in concert with cyber intrusions and insider threat activities—represents a complex and growing threat to strategically important U.S. economic sectors and critical infrastructure...”

SolarWinds was a Supply-Chain Attack.



The Threat

...Foreign adversaries are attempting to access our nation's key supply chains at multiple points—from concept to design, manufacture, integration, deployment, and maintenance—by inserting malware into important information technology networks and communications systems...

Centrifuge Sabotage at Natanz was a Supply-Chain Attack.



The Threat

...The increasing reliance on foreign-owned or controlled hardware, software, or services as well as the proliferation of networking technologies, including those associated with the Internet of Things, creates vulnerabilities in our nation's supply chains...

2023 S-C Attacks: Airbus, Norton, Microsoft, Colonial Pipeline...



The Threat

...By exploiting these vulnerabilities, foreign adversaries could compromise the integrity, trustworthiness, and authenticity of products and services that underpin government and American industry, or even subvert and disrupt critical networks and systems, operations, products, and weapons platforms in a time of crisis.”

National Counterintelligence and Security Center, “Supply Chain Risk Management: Reducing Threats to Key U.S. Supply Chains” - 25 September 2020

SolarWinds was TWO Attacks



The Threat

“Without effective security processes and practices throughout the life cycle of a system, intentional and unintentional vulnerabilities can be placed into systems. The systems may then be exploited by attackers who insert malicious content, capture data or take other advantages, resulting in untrustworthy products or services, unanticipated failure rates, or compromise of federal missions and information”

- NIST Information Technology Bulletin, June 2015

<https://csrc.nist.gov/CSRC/media/Publications/Shared/documents/ftl-bulletin/ftlbul2015-06.pdf>

29 of 37 Publicly Acknowledged APTs are PRC.



The Threat – Enemy Inside The Wire



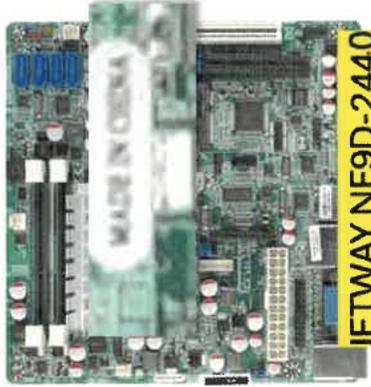
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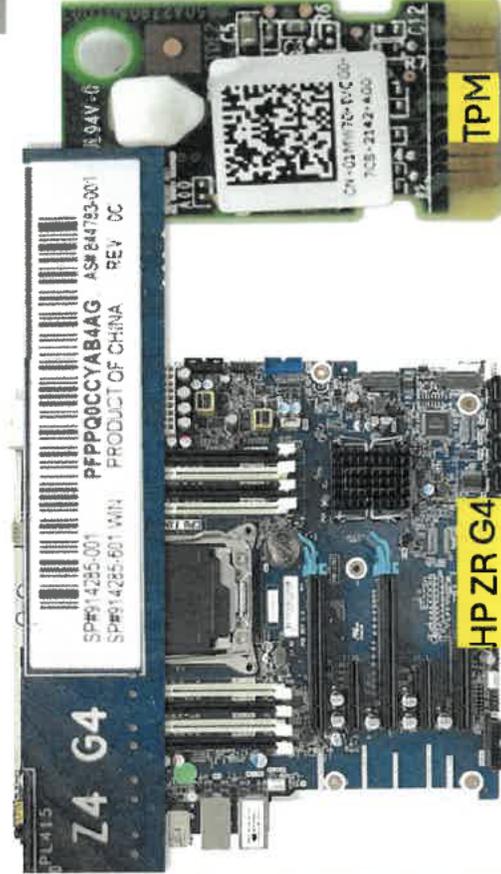
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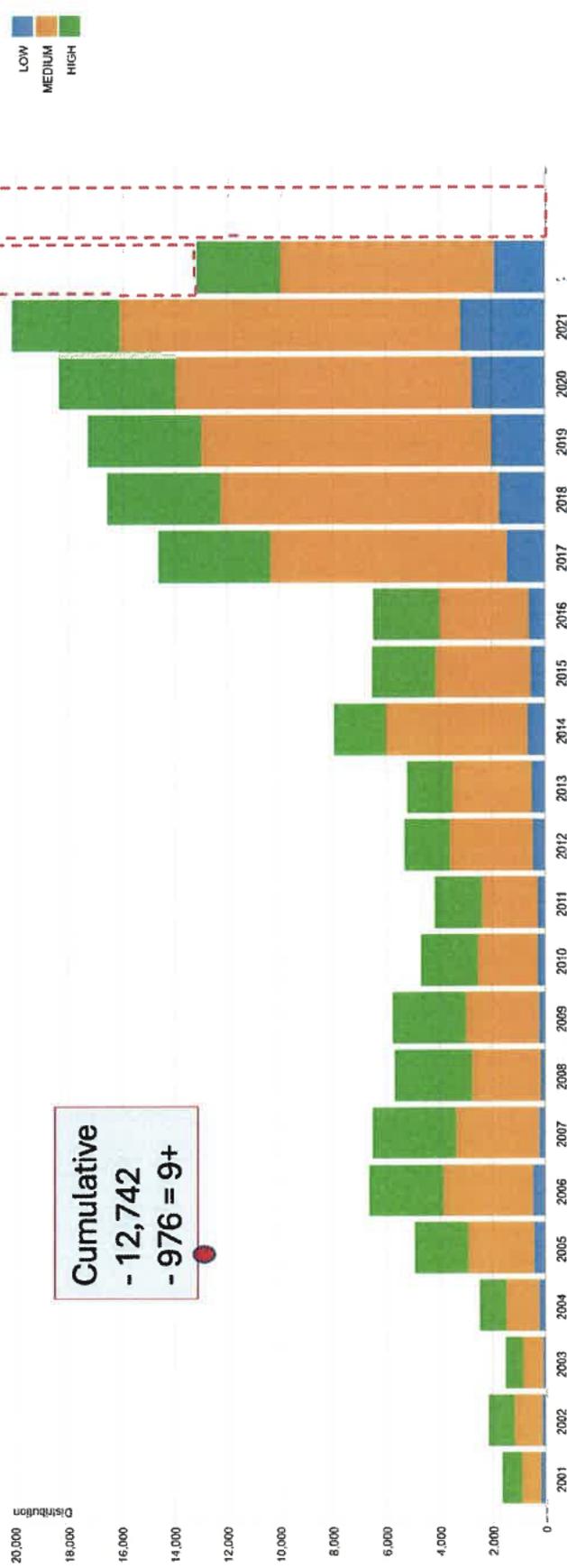
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The Threat – Known Vulnerabilities

CVSS Severity Distribution Over Time

This visualization is a simple graph which shows the distribution of vulnerabilities by severity over time. The choice of LOW, MEDIUM and HIGH is based upon the CVSS V2 Base score. For more information on how this data was constructed please see the NVD CVSS page.



Cumulative
- 12,742
- 976 = 9+

Cumulative
- 222,759
- 39,895 = 9+

The Defense

Election systems = “critical infrastructure”
Federal standards/testing/certification
Configuration control
State Testing: Acceptance/Logic & Accuracy
Audits
“Election Experts”



The Defense – Critical Infrastructure

DoD on Critical Infrastructure:

- 2012: Requires trusted suppliers, supply-chain security, configuration IAW Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIG)
- 2015: Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) breach Joint Staff email
- 2020: DoD, et al, breached by SolarWinds APT compromise – undetected for 10+ months

DHS, re: Election Systems:

- No standards, testing, enforcement for rolls, pollbooks, audits
- Voting system standards, testing, certification left to EAC
- CISA is responsible for election cybersecurity – also breached by SolarWinds compromise – undetected for 10+ months



The Defense – Standards

**FEC 2002 Voting System Standards (VSS); EAC 2005, 2015, 2021
Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG)**

U.S. voting systems EAC-certified to

- **VMSG 1.1 (2015): 0**
- **VMSG 2.0 (2021): 0**

**No U.S. voting system is certified to a standard newer than 18
years old**

**No standard before 2021 even mentions supply chain security;
2021 requires a plan – no enforcement, no metric**

The Defense – Voting System Test/Certification

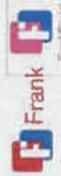
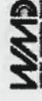
- Voting System Testing Lab (VSTL) accreditations expired – EAC, SoSs lied, made illegal certifications
- EAC/election officials repeatedly fail to detect/prevent corruption, uncertified components & systems
- Director of 1 of 2 VSTLs:“...actually claims no specialized knowledge or background in cybersecurity engineering...”

Williamson, DeKalb, Maricopa, Mesa, Northhampton...



The Defense – Configuration Control

- **Engineering Change Orders (ECO) – 1) Vendor Notification, 2) VSTL assessment, 3) EAC Decision**
- **“De Minimis” = no independent testing of ECO**
- **171 ECOs in EAC database**
 - **35 in the last 12 months, include entirely new computers, central processors, BIOS, firmware, operating systems – all “de minimis”**
 - **E.g. Clear Ballot added Lenovo ThinkPad E14 w/COTS software – “de minimis” – DoD warning? 2016**
- **No monitoring, no enforcement**



The Defense – User Testing: Acceptance/L&A

- **VSTLs test an example of a voting system version**
- **NOBODY tests 99.999% of U.S. voting systems. Ever.**
- **State acceptance testing is purely functional, if at all**
- **Logic & Accuracy (L&A) testing is an anachronism from the days of mechanical voting systems**
 - **Public officials do not have the expertise, authority, or time**
 - **If they did, *still* couldn't adequately test complex systems**
 - **L&A is a puppet show – it does nothing, it proves nothing**
 - **Sold as “verifying security and accuracy” – it cannot**



The Defense – Audits

- “Auditable” means *nothing* – an unworn seatbelt
- Paper ballots are no safeguard unless you audit them
- “Trust us!” institutions pushing “risk-limiting audits”
 - Originator (Stark) disavows how they are being used
 - Cannot prove accurate election result
 - Cannot detect fraud
- Williamson & DeKalb, etc., prove hand-count of paper ballots is the **ONLY** way to reliably detect machine error & fraud



ElectionCrisisBureau.com



Frank's Freedom Fund



Crisis Center for America



The Heritage Foundation



WMD



Election Oversight
Pittsburgh, PA



LibellDefenseFund.com

The Defense – With Experts Like These...

**“The November
3rd election was
the most secure
in American
history.”**

*Joint Statement from Elections
Infrastructure Government Coordinating
Council & the Election Infrastructure
Sector Coordinating Executive
Committees – 12 November 2020*

CISA Assistant Director Bob Kolasky

U.S. EAC Chair Benjamin Hovland

NASS President President Maggie Toulouse Oliver

NASED President Lori Augino

Escambia, FL Supervisor of Elections David Staffor

Chair Brian Hancock (Unisyn Voting Solutions)

Vice Chair Sam Derheimer (Hart InterCivic)

Chris Wlaschin (Election Systems & Software)

Ericka Haas (Electronic Registration Info. Center)

Maria Bianchi (Democracy Works)



The Warnings

Collier brothers, Votescam, 1992: “Computers in voting machines are effectively immune from checking and rechecking. If they are fixed, you cannot know it, and you cannot be at all sure of an honest tally.”

Bev Harris, Black Box Voting, 2004: “With computerized voting, the certified and sworn officials step aside and let technicians, and sometimes the county computer guy, tell us the election results.”

Sheila Parks, While We Still Have Time, 2012: “Elections using electronic voting machines are often rigged by deliberately not counting the votes as cast.”

Gould report, Mesa County, September 2021: “(CRS) 1-5-601.5 requires...compliance with...2002 Voting System Standards...this forensic examination found that a substantially large number of these requirements have not been met.”

Halderman Declaration, 1:17-CV-2989-AT, Curling v. Raffensberger: “My July 1, 2021, expert report describes...flaws that would allow attackers to install malicious software on the ICX,...with temporary physical access...or remotely from (EMS)...Nor do these problems affect (GA) alone...It will be used for accessible voting in...Colorado”



The Truth

Foreign-built systems/components have not been, are not now, and will never be secure.

Complex systems will never be secure or securable.

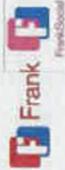
Anyone telling you these systems are secure either has no idea what they're saying or they're lying.

The “safeguards” aren't safe. They're not even real.

U.S. built computer-based voting systems are not the answer – citizens still cannot verify the truth for themselves.



ElectionCenter.com



FrankSocial



The Election System We Need

Component	Prevents		
	Fake Voters	Fake Ballots	Fake Counts
Start over: Locally-controlled, clean voter rolls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
In-person, election DAY voting w/gov. photo ID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Precinct hand-count of numbered ballots under live-streamed, archived HD video		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Precincts certify and report vote count to precinct VOTERS, then Report certified count to counties			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Counties tally precinct counts ON VIDEO, report certified tally to voters/states			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
States tally counties' tallies, report/certify to voters			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Stephenie Adams

From: David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:00 PM
To: Shani A. Shorter
Subject: Accepted: Canvass - Certification of Election

Stephenie Adams

From: David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:20 AM
To: Shani A. Shorter
Subject: Accepted: Electoral Board Meeting - Certification of Election

Stephenie Adams

Subject: Canvass - Certification of Election
Location: Election and Training Center Conference Room

Start: Tue 1/16/2024 9:00 AM
End: Tue 1/16/2024 10:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Shani A. Shorter
Resources: Election and Training Center Conference Room

Stephenie Adams

Subject: Electoral Board Meeting - Certification of Election

Start: Mon 11/13/2023 2:00 PM

End: Mon 11/13/2023 4:00 PM

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Shani A. Shorter

Stephenie Adams

From: Shani A. Shorter <Shani.Shorter@pittgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:44 PM
To: David Law; Arlene Burkhardt; Anita A. White
Subject: RE: Abstract and office information

Just a reminder that the Abstracts are here and available for signing. These need to be returned to the state as soon as possible. The State Board will be meeting to certify the results the first of next week and we need to upload these corrections asap for approval **prior** to us sending to Richmond. This can take several days. Please let me know when you will be able to stop by. Thank you for all that you do.

Shani A. Shorter

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From: Shani A. Shorter
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 6:34 PM
To: David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>; Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>; Anita A. White <Anita.White@pittgov.org>
Subject: Abstract and office information

All,

can everyone come in tomorrow and sign the updated Abstracts?

Also, we were notified today that RiverBend Fire Station would like to cease being a polling place for this next year's election. I know that this will be something we need to discuss, but I would like to start a discussion on an alternate location asap.

Thank you all for all that you do. Please do not hesitate to call.

**Shani A.
Shorter**

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Stephenie Adams

From: Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:31 PM
To: David Law; Shani A. Shorter
Subject: Re: Meeting Notice - Approval Requested

No we need 2 members so we will have to do on a different day.

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From: David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:29:03 PM
To: Shani A. Shorter <Shani.Shorter@pittgov.org>; Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting Notice - Approval Requested
The notice for Wednesday is fine. I cannot be there on Friday, so I don't know if the canvass can continue with only one Board member if no one else is appointed by then.

David S. Law
Pittsylvania County Electoral Board Vice-chairman

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That works for me! Okay to post today? At least the one for Wednesday?

**Shani A.
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From: Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:07 AM

To: Shani A. Shorter <Shani.Shorter@pittgov.org>; David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>

Subject: Re: Meeting Notice - Approval Requested

I would rather meet earlier at 9:00 AM and get the process started if that's alright with everyone.

From: Shani A. Shorter <Shani.Shorter@pittgov.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:03 AM

To: David Law <David.Law@pittgov.org>; Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>

Subject: Meeting Notice - Approval Requested

All,

Below are the meeting notices for next week's Canvass' ...ok to post today?

Electoral Board Meeting Notice

The Pittsylvania County Electoral Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Elections, located at 18 Depot Street, Chatham, Virginia.

This meeting will include a closed session per Virginia Code §24.2-653.01 for a Provisional Ballot review. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.), attendance to determine the validity of provisional ballots shall be permitted only for the authorized representatives, for the persons whose provisional votes are being considered and their representative or legal counsel, and for appropriate staff and legal counsel for the electoral board.

At the conclusion of the provisional meeting, the Electoral Board will immediately meet to begin the Canvass and Certification of the 2024 Special Election for Pittsylvania County.

Then, I have this for Friday....

Electoral Board Meeting Notice

The Pittsylvania County Electoral Board will continue its Canvass and reconvene on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of Elections, located at 18 Depot Street, Chatham, Virginia.

Thank you,

Shani A. Shorter

Voter
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& Elections
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General
Registrar

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Stephenie Adams

From: Arlene Burkhardt <Arlene.Burkhardt@pittgov.org>
To: Shani A. Shorter
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 4:59 PM
Subject: Read: Canvass - Certification of Election

Your message

To: Arlene Burkhardt
Subject: Canvass - Certification of Election
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 4:46:53 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

was read on Thursday, January 11, 2024 4:59:04 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Stephenie Adams

Subject: Virginia Board of Elections - Meeting to Certify Election Results

Start: Mon 12/4/2023 1:00 PM
End: Mon 12/4/2023 4:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Shani A. Shorter

Date / Time	12/4/2023 1:00 pm
Type	Both Physical and Electronic
Location	Washington Building 1100 Bank St. Richmond, VA 23219 Martha Brissette Conference Room
Electronic Access	Meeting link: https://covaconf.webex.com/covaconf/j.php?MTID=md24de03da2ef45cdb5a5ac1f71ab8906 Password: Es22yTNQwk4 Join from a mobile device 1-517-466-2023,,24254901614## US Toll 1-866-692-4530,,24254901614## US Toll Free Meeting phone line: 1-517-466-2023 US Toll 1-866-692-4530 US Toll-Free Meeting number: 2425 490 1614
Board Website	http://elections.virginia.gov
Agenda document	agency has not posted
Disability Friendly? Yes Deaf interpreter available upon request? No	
Purpose of the meeting State Board of Elections meeting.	

Stephenie Adams

From: The official communication list for the Electoral Board Members of the Commonwealth. <EBLIST@LISTLVA.LIB.VA.US> on behalf of Tom Mainor <0000005bce92938d-dmarc-request@LISTLVA.LIB.VA.US>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:53 PM
To: EBLIST@LISTLVA.LIB.VA.US
Subject: Re: [EBLIST] email with some general information as we approach pivotal two-year period

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Walt,

Your points are not only well said but essential. We do and have followed election law for many decades, rarely with challenge or reason to question. When we do, we let our legislators know our concerns, Our elections have become more and more secure. And our elections officers are better, and better trained and experienced. They do not need to be trained by a political party on how to conduct elections. We have a balance between the two major political parties as well as Independents. Those Elections Officers of each party function as the oversight to well-conducted, fair and secure elections.

Our Registrars have completed their certification. The General Registrar reports monthly to the Electoral Board, whose members often visit the GR office to observe and assist, engage in voter education events, meet at least monthly, and all attend State and regional Elections training sessions.

Election Results can be checked with great precision and our voter machinery has improved markedly. It is far more accurate than any hand count can ever be, especially given timeliness and recounts. We have paper ballots for every voter and they are held onto beyond the election according to law. As Walt says, it is not how we feel about it, but what Election Law says.

The 45-Day Election period provides opportunity for every voter to find a way to vote in each election. We encourage the citizens of Williamsburg to choose their candidates by making voting easy and guaranteeing the security and the accuracy of each and every vote. Voting by all qualified citizens is essential to good, representative government.

Tom Mainor, Secretary Williamsburg Electoral Board

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 03:46:50 PM EDT, Ellen Boone <00000086e92130b1-dmarc-request@listva.lib.va.us> wrote:

Walt you are right and well said

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 2:58 PM, Ken Reid <000000ba377c6d81-dmarc-request@listva.lib.va.us> wrote:

Thank you Walt for your excellent words. You are spot on and every election official, regardless of position or role, should read and heed your words of wisdom.

Ken Reid
Rappahannock County EB

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 2:50 PM, Maurice McBride <mmcbride100@gmail.com> wrote:

Excellent! Thank you!

On Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 2:27 PM Latham, Walt <walt.latham@yorkcounty.gov> wrote:

I have recently received some questions from people saying "X told me this, or Y said this, and they think this is how we should do things . . . what's the answer?"

We are about to hit a very serious two-year period of elections in Virginia. They're all serious, but the next two years are going to be especially scrutinized. This is no time to be trifling and to disregard the laws we are sworn to uphold. We are in jobs that we have taken an oath to uphold the laws of this state and the federal government. We are to follow the rules made by the State Board of Elections. We are public officials and, as we have hopefully all learned by now, "A public office is a public trust."

When a question is posed, the last thing any of us need to be thinking or asking ourselves or others is "how do we feel about this?" No one cares how we feel about this. I have told our officers of election that I do not care how they feel about the laws, and I have likewise told them that no one cares how I feel about the law.

We follow the law regardless of how we feel about things.

If there are going to be discussions about a policy or a procedure, it needs to be anchored in the Code or the Administrative Code or an SBE policy. If someone says "I don't like that," the first thing I think is "So what?" That's what we should all be thinking. If someone takes a legal position or policy position and we aren't comfortable with it, we need to ground our discussions in the actual laws and policies.

It's totally irrelevant how we feel about any of the laws or policies that we enforce. We may like them. We may hate them.

Over the next two years, and as long as we are in offices of public trust, when we have discussions about election laws and policies and procedures, we need to ground our questions and arguments in actual laws and policies and procedures.

As Article 1, Section 2, of the Constitution of Virginia says, "That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them."

That's our job.

Walt

WALTER T. LATHAM, JR.

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