

Alexandria Electoral Board

Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) Minutes

November 20, 2024; 9:30am
301 King Street

Chairman Powers called the November 20, 2024, risk limiting audit to order at 9:37 a.m. Present were the three members of the Alexandria Electoral Board (Bruce, Brown, Jack Powers, and Tom Fulton); the Clerk of the Circuit Court (Greg Parks); the General Registrar (Angie Maniglia Turner); the audit team (Craig Bucher and Russell Matthias); the Elections Manager (Mark Hirschman); the Assistant Elections Manager (Tony Berardo); the Election Information and Operations Coordinator (Matthew Charpentier); and one member of the public (Linda App, representing the ARCC).

Opening Comments

The Secretary of the Electoral Board, Mr. Bruce Brown, gave the following remarks:

Welcome to the City of Alexandria's Risk Limiting Audit (RLA for short). I am Bruce Brown, Secretary of the City of Alexandria Electoral Board. I am joined today by the other members of the Electoral Board: Charman, Jack Powers; and Vice Chairman, Tom Fulton. Together we represent the City's **bipartisan** Electoral Board. RLAs are a form of post-election audit that provides a statistical level of confidence that the outcome of an election is accurate. RLAs are conducted by selecting a specific number of ballots and tallying the results for a specific contest. The contest that has been chosen by the Virginia State Election Board is the US Senate race and today we will be selecting from that race, 36 ballots from 29 various precincts. The results of the audit are compared to the actual outcome of the contest to confirm that the reported results were accurate. This process helps to show that the ballot scanners tabulated the ballots correctly. The Alexandria Electoral Board and Office of Voter Registration & Elections are committed to demonstrating to Alexandria voters that the election process is fair, accurate, and transparent.

Delivery of the Ballots

The Clerk of the Circuit Courts delivered the required boxes of ballots to the audit room. One box of ballots was transferred to the audit team at a time. After each box was re-sealed, it was transferred back to the Clerk's custody.

Audit

The audit team pulled the required ballot(s) from each box and displayed them to the board and the public for inspection. After all ballots had been audited, the audit team entered the results into the State's reporting system.

Conclusion of Audit

At 12:53 p.m., Mr. Fulton moved to adjourn the audit meeting; Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Future Board Meetings

The Board is scheduled to meet during the following times:

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:30am Electoral Board Meeting



Bruce Brown
Secretary



Jack Powers
Chairman



Tom Fulton
Vice-Chairman