



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Texas Secretary of State
via email

Once again, the Dallas County Election Department continues to raise concerns regarding the security and validity of our elections.

In November 2024 the following infractions occurred:

- Failed L & A testing three times
- Disenfranchised 4000 + voters by issuing the voter the wrong ballot style
- Failed to accurately record the number of spoiled and re-issued ballots
- Ballot Board was not able to reconcile the tabulator count with the E-poll Books and voter roster
- Early Voting location Disciple Center Community Church continued to have a discrepancy of 100 voters after recounts occurred three times in Central Count
- A Democrat Early Voting PEO was removed due to preventing a poll watcher from performing his legal duties and the PEO exhibited hostile behavior resulting in a call to the Lancaster police

May Municipal Election Issues:

1. Partisan representation at the polls:

In January 2025, the Election Department informed the Dallas GOP that the party does not have the right to participate in the selection of election workers in the May Municipal Election. Per Heider Garcia, "Because this is a non-partisan election, parties are not requested to provide names for PEOs, AEOs, EJs or AEJs. This is the same for both the Republican and Democratic party..... the code is silent on who would select the workers in case "The governing body of a political subdivision" does not appoint the workers. However, if there is no appointment made by the 20th day before the election, there is a process to make an emergency appointment per section 32.007 of the Texas Election Code (TEC). That authority has been delegated on my office through the Joint Contract signed by the participating entities. That said, we work very diligently with the political subdivisions involved to make initial appointments via the Joint Contract, these appointments are made by all the political subdivisions when the contract is signed. Contracts were signed during the month of March."

Resulting concerns

There are four polling locations that have no Republican representation. The PEO at Lancaster Vet Library was removed in November due to preventing the poll watcher from performing his legal duties. The PEOs at Paul Dunbar and Jaycee Zaragoza promoted hostile/toxic work environments requiring poll watchers to be present to ensure a safe

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environment. The West Dallas College Campus has been a noted location for hostility against Republican workers.

2. Security of the current voting system:

The ES&S equipment in November failed. Voters were disenfranchised and election results were not reconciled. The Ballot Board was required to do a forced reconciliation. Therefore, Dallas County purchased new equipment from KNOWiNK. The Election Department required all poll workers to attend training on the new equipment.

Resulting concerns:

A. The Dallas GOP was not notified of, nor invited to attend the equipment demonstration. The demonstration was performed at the Oak Cliff Government Center on Friday, April 18 (Good Friday).

B. As of today, April 23, 10:30 a.m., the Ballot Board members were relieved of their duties for the day due to the new system not working. Therefore, voting results for the first day of voting will not be reviewed and reconciled. This will cause future reconciliation problems and the possibility of not having this election being reconciled.

C. The WiFi and the poll books are never shut down. AEOs are directed to “put to sleep” at the end of the day by tapping the power button, but not shut down. With the new system the “Poll Pads” (the new Knowlnk EPBs - electronic poll books) are software restricted and cannot be turned off or restarted except from HQ. This is a problem in that when/if an EPB quits communicating with its printer, the PEO must call the Election Department to restart the system. The telephone judge hot line can have a long wait time which impedes an efficient process.

3. Altering election equipment after the election has officially started: The Dallas County Election Department programmed in the Election equipment that the Richardson city Council positions are single districts, rather than at large. So the ballots were wrong for Richardson. Technicians were sent to all Early Voting locations to reprogram all the voting machines after closing on April 22, and swapped out the tabulator devices and ballot boxes, retrieving all ballots voted on day one. A new sign-in code was set on the tabulator. The new code was not provided resulting in PEO/AEOs having to call the Election Department prior to opening the polls on April 23. The Dallas GOP was not notified of the process and as of now no public statement has been issued by the Election Department.

Resulting Concerns:

A. Is it legal to alter election equipment during an election? Last night during the change out process at the Farmers Branch Manske Library, election staff took a picture of the seal on the blue ballot transfer box. This morning the cut seal was found in the grass outside the library. This was reported to the Election Department and no satisfactory explanation has been provided.

B. When equipment is replaced the information must be updated on the location’s Daily Report which is submitted to the Ballot Board. Many experienced PEOs should know the process but at this time a reminder notification has not been issued to the PEOs. If the daily report is not completed correctly, amended reports will be required and due to timing this will cause future results to be incorrect;

C. The AEO at Makkah Masjid (IDES) was removed by the Election Department. The reason provided: taking pictures of the transfer process. The photos were taken

after the poll closed and no voters were present. Per the election code Chapter 61 Section 61.014: “person may not use any mechanical or electronic means of recording images or sound within 100 feet of a voting station...This section does not apply to: an election officer in conducting the officer’s official duties; the use of election equipment necessary for the conduct of the election”. Per the code, this AEO should not have been removed.

The Dallas GOP wants answers:

1. What exactly was wrong with the ballots in Richardson and Carrollton and any others?
2. What did the DCED do about it, including but not limited to:
 - (1) What did they do about voters who had already voted bad ballots and what did they do for voters who came in after they realized errors?
 - (2) What machines did they update and/or exchange?
 - (3) How are they going to record and reconcile today’s (April 21) voting by itself and with the rest of EV.

The Dallas GOP wants action:

1. The Secretary of State to intervene
2. Suspend Heider Garcia as the Dallas County Election Administrator

Steadfast & Loyal,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen B. West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Chairman
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