Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
01 October 2025

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 01 October 2025. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), Rod Hallum (Vice Chairman), Geoffrey McFather (Secretary), Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)/General Registrar (GR), and Nicole Smith (Chief Deputy Registrar).

Approval of the 03 September 2025 Electoral Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary initiated a discussion regarding whether the Electoral Board should design and implement a Board-determined policy regarding the manner in which Candidate Campaign Signage is to be conducted, specific to Isle of Wight County. Topics discussed included not only whether such a Board-determined policy should be crafted, but if so, whether such policy should address the maximum number of days 'prior to Early In-Person Voting' when such campaign signage on the grounds of the Registrar can be posted, the maximum number of days following Election Day before all such campaign signage on public property shall be removed, etc. Much discussion ensued. Proposals discussed included:
    a. Registrar's Office Signage: Candidate Campaign Sign placement Not earlier than 5p day before Early In-Person Voting begins (General Elections / Primaries / Special Elections).
    b. Precinct Signage: Candidate Campaign Sign placement Not earlier than 12p (Noon) the day before Election Day (General Elections / Primaries / Special Elections).
    c. Registrar's Office, Precinct, and Public Property Signage: Candidate Campaign Sign removal not later than official sunset two (2) calendar day beyond any General Election, Primary, or Special Election.

The final decision of the Electoral Board was that no such Board-determined Candidate Campaign Signage policy shall be initiated at this time. No motion was advanced. Accordingly, no vote was taken.

Motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote rendered to accept the Secretary's Report as delivered.

General Registrar's Report.

1. The General Registrar reported the current state of Absentee Ballot preparation and delivery for the upcoming election.
2. General Registrar reported that the deadline for voters to present an Absentee Ballot Request is 11-days prior to the upcoming election.

Motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote rendered to accept the General Registrar's Report as delivered.

Old / Unfinished Business.

1. None.

New Business.

1. Recommendation was again advanced that the General Registrar investigate ways to elevate the "Curbside Voting" signage so that the sign remains visible to newly-arriving Curbside Voters when a current Curbside Voter is parked in front of the existing ground-level Curbside Voting signage.
2. Recommendation was advanced to place a "Voter Here" flag banner in front of the IOW County Municipal Center Buildings in recognition that the Registrar's Office is at the back of the Municipal Complex and not clearly visible to arriving voters unfamiliar with the Registrar's Office location.
3. Post-Election AUDIT is scheduled for November 20th, 2025 if IOW County is selected for participation.

Good of the Order.

1. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Inetha Holmes, Chairman Rod Hallum, Vice-Chairman Geoff McFather – Secretary