Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
13 August 2025

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 13 August 2025. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman) (virtual participation), Rod Hallum (Vice Chairman), Geoffrey McFather (Secretary), Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)/General Registrar (GR), and Nicole Smith (Chief Deputy Registrar).

The minutes of the 02 July 2025 Electoral Board Meeting Minutes deferred for review and signing during the upcoming 03 September 2025 Electoral Board Meeting.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary initiated a discussion amongst the Electoral Board Members to arrive at a Board position with regard to Ranked-Choice Voting that can be expressed to the VEBA Leadership.
2. Discussion ensued regarding how best to motivate the VEBA Leadership to add a vigorous discussion regarding the impact of Ranked-Choice Voting logistics impacts on individual voting jurisdictions across the Commonwealth.
3. Discussion ensued regarding the Virginia Legislature's proposal for every-other-year elections across the Commonwealth. Discussion points included impacts properly maintaining off-year staffing and personnel readiness.
4. Discussion ensued regarding the proper tamper-proof taping of Election Day envelopes and subsequent opening and re-sealing of Election Day envelopes during the Canvass operation in the days and weeks following a primary/election.
5. Discussion ensued regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Annual Compliance Review, remediation and readiness validation.

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

General Registrar's Report.

1. The Registrar engaged the Electoral Board in a discussion regarding the importance of the diligent adherence to 'best practices' designed to preclude a voter's deliberate or inadvertent submission of a Provisional or Same-Day Registration Ballot into the DS-200 Voting Tabulator.

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. The General Registrar requested and received the signature of each of the Electoral Board Members on the ADA Compliance Confirmation document.

Closed Session.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the Electoral Board to move into Closed Session for the express purpose of: (1) discussing, assessing, and documenting the Electoral Board's collective view of the General Registrar's Annual Performance Evaluation. The Electoral Board entered 'Closed Session' at 2:43 p.m.
2. A motion was subsequently made to exit the Closed Session 57-minutes following its initiation. Each of the three members of the Electoral Board herein attest by their signature at the close of these minutes that the topics discussed during the Closed Session were limited exclusively to: (1) discussing, assessing, and documenting the Electoral Board's collective view of the General Registrar's Annual Performance Evaluation. The Electoral Board finalized and exited 'Closed Session' at 3:40 p.m.

Good of the Order.

1. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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