Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
07 January 2026

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 07 January 2026. 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 December 2025 Electoral Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously deferred until the Electoral Board Secretary is physically able to make the written Minutes available to the Electoral Board for review and signature.

Secretary's Report.

1. The Secretary asked the GR regarding the ongoing use of our IOW County DS200 Tabulators given that the new DS300s are available for purchase. Reportedly, several jurisdictions have reported that the new software used for the DS300s was inadvertently DS200 software. Therefore, the Secretary asked that when the Registrar purchases new DS300s, that she pay particularly-close attention to the software version provided by our vendor for upload to the new machines.

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 again reminded the Electoral Board reported that the Annual VEBA Meeting for the Electoral Board will be held March 23rd-25th at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. The GR again reported that as soon as the VEBA Leadership announces that The Homestead Reservations Portal is open and operational, she will book room reservations for all three Electoral Board Members. Chairman Inetha Holmes will be attending the VEBA Bootcamp the day before the Annual VEBA Meeting begins and the GR will book Ms. Holmes' reservation accordingly.
2. The GR discussed the possibility that there will be an April 2026 Special Election to address four (4) separate ballot initiatives being advanced by the Democrat Members of the General Assembly calling for, among other things, a Constitutional Amendment to allow off-cycle Redistricting in response to similar actions by the State of Texas.
3. The GR reported that the Electoral Board needs to be aware that if additional Precincts are added in IOW County, we do not have sufficient voting equipment, cages, budget/funding, or physical space to accommodate the addition of new equipment. Accordingly, the Electoral Board may need to get involved if the Democrat initiative succeeds.

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

Old / Unfinished Business.

1. Discussion resumed from December 2025 regarding the IOW County resident that experienced a voting situation during the General Election at the Bowling Green Precinct and a voting Precinct in a City of Suffolk Voting Precinct. The Chief Deputy Registrar provided a detailed update regarding IOW's discussions with the affected voter, with the Suffolk GR's Office and indicated the matter has been clarified and resolved regarding which Precinct the voter will utilize for the forthcoming and future elections.

New Business.

1. Election of Electoral Board Members was held. The Electoral Board Members for the 2026 Calendar Year shall be: Chairman – Inetha Holmes; Vice Chairman – Rod Hallum; and Secretary – Geoff McFather.

Good of the Order.

1. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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