

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes December 10, 2024

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 6:01pm. Present: Chair Pamela Johnson, Vice Chair Bob Walker, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Director of Elections /General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. Also present was Goochland residents Debbie Griffith and Valerie Morris.

Citizen Comments:

- Debbie Griffith completed the Director of Elections/General Registrar, staff, Electoral Board and officers of elections on a job well done. She stated that there was representation of both parties as officers.
- Valerie Morris stated that she has learned a lot during the past election cycle and commend all on a job well done.

The board agreed that the minutes for November 6th and 12th – 13th, 2024 will be reviewed at the next meeting after noted corrections are made.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

1. *Registration Counts:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar submitted the latest voter registration counts. The board reviewed the registration count by locality and identified that Precinct 402 Centerville and 502 Blair need to be researched for new split locations.
2. *Appointment of Officers of Elections:* will be deferred to the January 2025 meeting.
3. *Special Election:* The board discussed the possible impact to elections because John McGuire has not submitted his resignation. The board instructed the Director of Elections/General Registrar to contact Elect for next steps.
4. *Other:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that on December 17th, 2024, the office will be closed. The staff will be attending the casting of the Electoral College vote at the State capital. The Hot Wash will be at central High School on December 17th at 6pm and the county is paying for the dinner.

Unfinished Business:

1. *Policy re:* Felons attempting to register, pending potential ruling from SCOTUS – board will wait to address pending outcome of ruling. The Director of Elections/General Registrar was instructed for refer to county attorney to pursue felony charges for any violators.
2. *Risk Audit:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar will follow up with the board pending audit report from SBE.
3. *Other from General Elections?* Goochland had a successful election.

New Business:

1. *Budget Meeting Report:* The Director of Elections/General Register met with the BOS – Board of Supervisor, and they agreed to all that he proposed. FY2026 will be voted on in April 2025. The board reiterated that the BOS need to know that there will be a need for additional precinct equipment and replacement of current equipment.
 2. *Looking ahead:* 2025 calendar and organizational meeting – January 13th, 2025.
 3. *Remind Political Party Chairmen to submit list of nominees for Election Officers:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he should receive a list from both party chair.
- On a motion by Vice Chair seconded by the Secretary the board went into close session at 7:15pm pursuant to State Code Section §2.2-3711(1)(34) for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of a public body. Discussion on consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of personnel matters made confidential pursuant §24.2.625.1. The motion carried.
 - The Board returned to Public Session at 7:40pm, a motion was made by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law, and only such public business matters as were identified in

the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered.

Officer reports:

- Chair – no report.
- Vice Chair – no report.
- Secretary: no report

There being no further business, on a motion by the Secretary and seconded by the Chair the board voted unanimously to adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor

Wanda Taylor, Secretary