

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes February 3, 2025

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 10:12am. Present: Chair Bob Walker, Vice Chair Pam Johnson, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Director of Elections /General Registrar Ryan Mulligan.

Citizen Comments: none were present

Approval of Minutes: The board approved the November 6, November 12th – 13th, December 10, 2024, and January 8, 2025, on a motion by the Vice Chair and seconded by the Secretary. The motion carried. Another motion was made to reapprove the October 15, 2024, on a motion by the vice chair and seconded by the Secretary. The motion carried.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

1. *Registration Counts:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that the NVRA purge has occurred and is the reason for the reduction in the count. The purge list will be posted at the courthouse. He also stated that Blair and Centerville still need attention.
2. *Appointment of Officers of Elections:* closed session after Officer Reports
3. *Legislation update:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar asked the board to look at the requirements for polling locations and boundaries under code 24.2-310 and to review 24.2-112 regarding the Deputy Registrar qualifications. He also stated that HB2057 affects voter registration in that it will be available during the registration of fishing, hunting licensing and mile distribution.
4. *Other: Equipment* – The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that the SBE new standard will cause a conflict with the purchase of replacement equipment. The board instructed the Director of Elections/General Registrar to continue to keep the board informed on end of life or broken equipment.

Unfinished Business:

1. *Risk Audit:* Follow-up OK
2. *Special Election:* follow-up OK

New Business:

1. *2025 calendar:* After reviewing the board approved the 2025 calendar on a motion by the Secretary, seconded by the Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Officer reports:

- Chair – The chair expressed his outrage at the cost of VEBA Annual Meeting at the Homestead.
 - Vice Chair – Plan to attend bootcamp in July.
 - Secretary: no report
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- On a motion by the Secretary seconded by the Vice Chair the board went into close session at 11:48am pursuant to State Code Section §2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidate 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 to §24.2-625.1.
 - The Board returned to Public Session at 1:10pm, a motion was made by the Vice Chair and seconded by the Secretary 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.
 - On a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by the Secretary:
 - The board approved applications for Officers of Elections 1-7 & 11 upon review of the party chair and deemed fit to perform the election duties. The board denied applications for Officers of Elections 8,9 & 10.
 - The board reappointed Officers of Elections for 2025. The board declined the reappointment Officers of Elections 1, 2, 3 & 4.
 - The board approved the implementation of an Officer of Elections evaluation form and made it a requirement for precinct chief to complete.

- The board recommend a 3% merit increases to the salary of the Director of Elections/General Registrar

There being no further business, on a motion by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary the board voted unanimously to adjourned at 1:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor

Wanda Taylor, Secretary