

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes March 10, 2025

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 10:06am. Present: Chair Bob Walker, Vice Chair Pam Johnson, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Director of Elections /General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. Also present were Goochland residents Jennifer Strozier and Valerie Morris.

Citizen Comments: Valerie Morris deferred to Jennifer Strozier, who requested that the meeting minutes, time and location be posted in a timely manner.

Approval of Minutes: The board approved the February 3, 2025, meeting minutes on a motion by the Secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair. The motion carried.

Report of the Director of Elections/General Registrar:

1. *Registration Counts:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that:
 - a. The NVRA purge has occurred and the NCOA mailer will be 3/12/2025 where voters will be made inactive. He also stated that Blair and Centerville still need attention.
 - b. After discussion it was agreed that the Vice Chair and Secretary will contact Hope Baptist Church to tour and discuss it as a possible precinct location.
 - c. The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he will investigate the code and ordinance for creating a new precinct location. The Director of Elections/General Registrar suggested the process for a new precinct to go directly to the Attorney General with no challenge.
2. *Appointment of Officers of Elections:* closed session after Officer Reports
3. *Legislation update:* The Secretary announced that all the bills that are being tracked for elections are setting on Governor Younkin's desk. The hope is that they will all be vetoed, if not then there will be some changes that will have to be address.
4. *Other: Equipment* – The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that:

- a. He completed the incident emergency EOC classes.
- b. A dual primary has been called for all offices in June. (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates)
- c. The replacement for the full-time position (Deputy Registrar) will be effective July 1. He will use temp through June and will post for the full-time position in May.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

1. *Accessibility Audit:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar announced that it is coming up.
2. *Planning and Zoning:* The board discussed the possibilities of the obtaining space in Goochland Elementary to securely hold the voting equipment, with a common area to meet and perform election tasks.
3. *LESS (Locality Election Security Standard):* The Director of Elections/General Registrar announced that it is coming up. The Electoral Board must review annually to certify security compliance.

Officer reports:

- Secretary – expressed concerned over election bills that are on the Governor’s desk. She also stated that she will be teaching boot camp at the annual meeting.
- Vice Chair – announced her concern for two OOE due to health issues.
- Chair: stated that he has worked in the office on several occasions to allow Shannon to go to lunch when Ryan was out.
- On a motion by the Secretary seconded by the Vice Chair the board went into close session at 11:20am 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 11:53am, 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.

There being no further business, on a motion by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary the board voted unanimously to adjourned at 11:56am.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor

Wanda Taylor, Secretary