



**OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL BOARD
AND GENERAL REGISTRAR
City of Fairfax**



**Director of Elections/General Registrar
Wannicha Rojanapradith**

**Electoral Board
Chair: Mary McDaniel
Vice-Chair: Jeffrey White
Secretary: Richard Herrington**

February 20, 2026

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

PRESENT

Ms. Mary McDaniel, Chair; Mr. Richard Herrington, Secretary; Mr. Jeffrey White, Vice-Chair; Ms. Wannicha Rojanapradith, Director of Elections/General Registrar (DE/GR); Ms. Grace Subu, Chief Deputy Registrar; and Mr. Rasan Ardalan, Deputy Registrar.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

No members of the public were present.

RECESS

Without objection, the Secretary recessed the meeting for five (5) minutes to allow reorganization of the meeting room.

The meeting reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ELECTORAL BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES OF JANUARY 14-16, 2026, CANVASS OF THE JANUARY 13, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION

The Chair noted the minutes for January 14-16 2026, Electoral Board meeting needed minor corrections; the Vice-Chair noted one inaccuracy that required correction. Following discussion, the minutes were corrected. The Chair moved that the minutes, as corrected, be approved. The Vice-Chair seconded the motion and when the question was called, the motion passed unanimously.

WELCOME NEW DEPUTY REGISTRAR

The Electoral Board welcomed Mr. Rasan Ardalan to the staff of the Office of Elections. The Office of Elections has been understaffed for several months and Mr. Ardalan's addition brings staffing to the level necessary to ensure the voters of the City of Fairfax continue to receive excellent customer service. Earlier today, Mr. Ardalan was sworn in by Mr. Chris Falcon, Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court, in a ceremony in the City of Fairfax Council Chambers.



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OFFICE OF ELECTIONS: RESCISSIONS (CODE OF VIRGINIA § 24.2-107 & § 24.2-115)

The GR presented to the Electoral Board a list of applicants that applied to become officers of election (OE). All applicants were screened by the Office of Elections and recommend for appointment. Additionally, one current OE requested rescission of their officer of election appointment because they were moving. The Electoral Board approved the appointments and rescission.

DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS/GENERAL REGISTRAR REPORT

The DE/GR provided an update to the Electoral Board on several matters:

- a. Ballots for Special Election scheduled for April 21: The DE/GR stated that the number of ballots to be ordered would be similar to the November 2025 General Election pending guidance from the Department of Elections (ELECT) related to the Special Election.
- b. Logic and Accuracy (&A) Testing: L&A testing is scheduled for March 3, 2026.
- c. Training for OEs: Training is scheduled for all OEs on April 4, 2026 and will be conducted at City Hall.
- d. Precinct staffing: The DE/GR has scheduled each precinct to be staffed with eight (8) OEs to ensure proper support for the Special Election. The DE/GR stated many OEs had inquired about the Special Election and offered their support. The already effective recruitment activities for OEs established by the Office of Elections will be intensified to ensure adequate OEs are always available to support election activity.
- e. Elections Schedule: The DE/GR stated that because of unusual election activities and litigation, an updated schedule for election activities through the end of the year was on hold pending guidance from ELECT. For now, the November 3, 2026, General Election remains undisturbed.
- f. Early Voting: Early voting for the April 21, 2026, Special Election begins March 6, 2026, in the DE/GR's office - Office of Elections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VEBA Annual Meeting: Registration, accommodation and attendance for all Electoral Board members at the VEBA Annual Meeting at the Homestead in Hot Springs, VA, on March 23-25, 2026, has been accomplished by Electoral Board members with the assistance of the DE/GR. Because of the City of Fairfax financial situation and the April 21, 2026, Special Election, the DE/GR will not be able to attend the VEBA annual meeting and Electoral Board members will not be compensated for rooms, mileage and per-diem.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Secretary will have to undergo surgery on his left foot on March 26, 2026; recovery from this surgery will take 4-5 weeks. It should not have an impact on his support of all activities related to the Special Election on April 21, 2026.



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- b. A letter (by email) was received from a City of Fairfax resident regarding the April 21, 2026, Special Election litigation. The letter was also sent to the Mayor and City Council members. A response to the letter will be sent by the Chair of the Electoral Board.
- c. Several proposed changes to election laws are being reviewed by the General Assembly. Any changes to election laws that require updates to OE training will be accomplished to ensure OEs can faithfully execute all election laws.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:00 p.m., the Chair moved for adjournment. When the question was called the motion passed unanimously.

Richard L. Herrington
Secretary