

**MINUTES OF THE FAUQUIER COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

Present: Chairman Lisa Gerchick, Vice Chairman Robin Corcoran, Secretary Jane Hurst, General Registrar Alex Ables, Chief Deputy Registrar Diana Dutton, and Deputy Registrar Matt Nelius.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34am.

Reorganization of the Electoral Board, per Va. Code § 24.2-107. The Board unanimously approved a motion to continue with the same positions. Lisa Gerchick will serve as Chairman, Robin Corcoran as Vice Chairman and Jane Hurst as Secretary.

The minutes for the November 6, 12 and 13, 2024 meetings and the November 20 meeting were approved as amended.

Unfinished business

Update on the Board of Supervisors' response and progress on storage space and office space needs for the future. Mr. Ables will attend the kick-off meeting for the County's Facilities Planning Study which will explore countywide space needs, with a focus on facilities within the Town of Warrenton which will ultimately result in the development of a new County Courts Complex.

New Business

Appointment of Officers of Election, per Va. Code § 24.2-115. Ms. Dutton provided the list of officers, and the Board unanimously agreed to appoint all to the next two-year term. Neither of the local political parties provided names to add to the list.

Legislative update. Ms. Gerchick highlighted potential changes and pertinent legislation that has happened during this session.

LESS Reporting Requirements. Mr. Ables provided an update on local staffing changes and this year's timeline.

VEBA Annual Meeting, March 23-25, 2025. Ms. Hurst provided an update on the 50th Annual Conference.

The next Electoral Board meeting will be held on March 14, 2025 at 9:00am.

Registrar's Report

- Mr. Ables and staff continue to monitor potential legislative changes.
- Campaign Finance has been reviewed, and fines have gone out. Some accounts have been closed.
- The new voting equipment could be delayed as the State gathers more information on the ExpressVote-3. The vendor can update the existing equipment if needed. No firm date on deliveries. No details yet on the new tablets, but Mr. Ables will follow up.
- The office is touring Laurel Ridge Community College as a potential site for Officer of Election training. The new building has ample well-lit parking.
- ELECT will hold a Q1 webinar on February 13, 2025 from 2-3pm focusing on the June primaries and other priorities.
- Under budget considerations, the absentee coordinator is retiring. Ms. Dutton has submitted a request to change this to a full-time position. She has also asked for a part-time officer of elections coordinator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Hurst, Secretary

/s/ Lisa K. Gerchick
Chairman

/s/ Robin D. Corcoran
Vice-chairman

/s/ Jane M. Hurst
Secretary