



*County of Gloucester*  
ELECTORAL BOARD

COURTHOUSE OFFICE BLDG 1  
6467 MAIN ST.  
(804) 693-3659

P.O. BOX 208  
GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA  
23061

**MINUTES OF MEETING – August 4, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:10 a.m. in the Electoral Board Conference Room in the Elections and Voter Registration Complex in County Office Building #1. Present were Evan Farmer, Chair, Kathleen Kellar, Vice-Chair, Margaret Walker, Secretary, and Bobbi Morgan, Director of Elections and Voter Registration. Guests present were Dean Vines, Democrat Party Chair, Patricia Dunnington, Republican Party Chair, Catherine Carter, and Susan Austin.

**Chair Report:** None

**Vice-Chair Report:** None

**Secretary Report:** Minutes of the June 1, 2022, meeting have been approved and posted to the website.

**Director of Elections Report:**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE:** All local candidates with open accounts filed on time for the July 15, 2022, reporting deadline. Next local filing deadline is January 17, 2023.

**ELECTION OFFICERS:** Provided a draft of the updated list for review and response at your next meeting. Will send out training link and provide updated info at your next meeting.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Director of Elections attended the VRAV Annual Conference and renewed the Virginia Registered Election Official Certification status on 8/1/2022.

**LEGISLATION:** Electoral Board Members and the Director of Elections attended the Online Webex Sessions for our Legislative Changes by The Department of Elections on 7/13/2022. See notes below.

The following legislation was passed during the 2022 Session of the General Assembly, signed by the Governor, and will go into effect on July 1, 2022 (unless otherwise noted). The summaries

were prepared by the Policy Division of ELECT. These are only summaries that provide highlights of the legislation and are not intended to be a full accounting of the changes from every bill. Complete information on these bills is available on the Legislative Information System.

HB 55/SB 211 (Effective July 1): The State Register of Vital Records will be required to submit a weekly list of decedents to ELECT for list maintenance purposes. General Registrars will be required to promptly cancel registrations of disqualified individuals.

HB 1140 (Effective July 1): General registrars will be required to send notice of cancellation to the voter by mail and, if provided, by email.

Same Day Registration: § 24.2-420.1. (Effective until October 1, 2022) Extended time for certain persons to register in person.

Preregistration of 16 year olds: § 24.2-403.1. (Effective October 1, 2022) Preregistration of persons 16 years of age or older.

HB 439 (Effective July 1): Absentee ballot instructions must contain a link to the ELECT webpage explaining any Constitutional Amendments or statewide referendum on the ballot. Note that the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) already prepares these explanations and we already keep them on our webpage pursuant to 30-19.9 of the Code of Virginia.

SB 3/HB 927 (Effective July 1): This bill requires precinct level reporting of absentee ballot results. The bill also requires the Department of Elections to establish standards for ascertaining and reporting such information.

SB 370/HB 895 (Effective July 1, 2023 & July 1, 2024): Adds Code Section 24.2-671.2 which sets new rules for the conduct of risk limiting audits. Some provisions of this law go into effect on July 1, 2023 and others July 1, 2024.

HB 150 (Effective July 1): Requires any local public body subject to FOIA to post meeting minutes on its official public government website, if any, within seven working days of final approval of the minutes.

HB 444 (Effective September 1): Permits all-virtual public meetings for any public body, except for local governing bodies, local school boards, and other specific entities. All-virtual meetings cannot be held consecutively, are limited to 2 times per calendar year, or 25% of the meetings held per calendar year (whichever is greater)

SB 698 (Effective July 1): Explicitly prohibits the publishing of a list of registered voters on the internet, or sharing such a list with any third party for such purpose.

SB 80/HB 205 (Effective July 1): This bill prohibits the SBE, ELECT, GRs, and EBs from: Soliciting, accepting, using, or disposing of any money, grants, property, or services, given by a private individual or nongovernmental entity as it pertains to any expenses incurred in the conduct of elections.

HB 125 (Effective July 1): This bill imposes a maximum \$25,000 penalty for campaign finance violations related to express advocacy for the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate.

HB 492 (Effective January 1, 2024): This bill does not go into effect until 2024. Primarily, the bill requires campaign committee treasurers to retain certain records. However, the bill also gives ELECT authority to review campaign committees and to make reports of those reviews available on ELECT's website.

HB 195 (Effective July 1): Allows localities to request a waiver from ELECT to permit a polling place to be located outside the one-mile precinct boundary requirement.

HB 542 (Effective July 1): Reclassifies "assistant" registrar to "deputy" registrar.

**Next Meeting: September 7, 2022 @ 9:00 am.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am

Evan Farmer  
Chairman

Kathleen Kellar  
Vice-Chair

Margaret Walker  
Secretary