MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
June 11, 2026

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in Conference Room 315 at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Chairman Hon. Katherine K. Hanley; Vice Chairman Megan M. Challender, Secretary Kevin R. Pinkney; General Registrar Eric L. Spicer; Deputy Directors Cheryl Jones and Cord Whitehouse; and Clerk to the Electoral Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present.

Voter and Candidate Services Manager Bushra Ardalan; Voting Equipment and Logistics Manager Tyrone Allen; Deputy Registrar for Voter Satellite Offices Florence Brown; Deputy Communications and Compliance Specialist Sean Stewart; Election Training and Operations Manager Bill Turley; IT Staff Matt Meads and George Panagakos; Deputy Registrar for Absentee Voting Reuben Howard; Election Administration Manager Elena Langworthy; Election Officer Manager Arash Setayeshi; Candidate Services Manager Lisa Hogle; FOIA/Records/Outreach Manager Ann Hines; Language Accessibility Coordinator Liliana Layton; John Barker, Susan Burnell, Judy Clardy, Larry Danforth, and Jean Theonsen (Office of Elections (Office) staff and/or Voting Equipment Team); Doug Friedly (Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC) Election Integrity); and Gregory Brandon (Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) Central Communications); also attended the meeting in person.

The following individuals participated using the Zoom videoconferencing platform: Finance Manager Mani Merin; IT Staff Todd Strelow; Office staff and/or Voting Equipment Team Nazila Arefi, Steve Barch, Sharen Barrett, Antemira Elliott and Fily Vilasanta; Christine Brim and Andi Bayer (FCRC Election Integrity); Despina Belle-Isle (FCDC Election Law and Voter Protection); Sherelle Carper (League of Women Voters (LWV)); Maria Vorel (member, FCDC); former Fairfax County Election Manager Sean Rogers; and Phyllisa Goldenberg and Gloria Derobertis (Fairfax County election officers and/or residents of Fairfax County or neighboring jurisdictions).

Ms. Hanley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and introduced the Board. Ms. Hanley explained that the meetings will now be videotaped. The link to the recording will be available on the Electoral Board Meeting Minutes webpage within three business days of the meeting. Anyone not wanting their image recorded should hide their video camera.

Mr. Pinkney moved to approve the agenda, and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Pinkney moved to adopt the Draft Minutes of the Board meetings held on April 9, 2026, and April 22, 2026. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Challender made a motion to appoint 45 election officers (EO) (7 Democrats, 23 Republicans, and 15 Unaffiliated) for a term ending February 28, 2027. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Hanley moved that, pursuant to Section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, the Electoral Board readopt its *POLICY FOR THE REMOTE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS* and its *POLICY FOR ALL-VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS*. There were no changes to the policies from the previous year. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Under the General Registrar's (GR) report dated June 10, 2026 (found under Board Documents for the June 11, 2026, Electoral Board meeting Electoral Board Meetings| Elections), Mr. Spicer presented the GR's report and updated the voter registration numbers since the last Electoral Board meeting:

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	**As of 5/1**	**As of 5/31**	**Change from 5/1**
Active Registered Voters	747,949	749,074	+1,125
Inactive Registered Voters	67,249	66,618	-631
Total	**815,198**	**815,692**	**+494**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out)	**5/1 to 5/31**	**Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 5/31)**
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	410	2,300
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	180	2,994
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	3	142
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	7	23
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	0	72
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	69	351
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,743	8,366
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	2	15
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**2,414**	**14,263**

Active Voter Registration Additions	**5/1 to 5/31**	**Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 5/31)**
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	1,539	11,797
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,251	6,574
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	118	758

Total	**2,908**	**19,129**
Voter Registration Transactions[3] *(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)*	**5/1 to 5/31**	**Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 5/31)**
Online DMV (from ELECT)	18,561	88,256
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	773	11,273
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	24	435
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	19	1,662
Va. Paper Form In Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	966	1,814
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	154	677
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	74	438
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	135	434
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	0	2,328
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	324	1,632
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	0
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	416	2,905

[1] Deceased (multiple sources) includes: Bureau of Vital Statistics through ELECT, Report of Death information provided by relative, Death Certificate provided, and General Registrar Report of Death created based on an obituary.
[2] Out-of-State (multiple sources) includes: DMV, State mail, NCOA, and other voter registration update forms.
[3] All categories include: new voter registrations, change of address, change of name, voter cancellations (including out-of-state), and duplicates (no change of data).

On May 22, 2026, the Attorney General of Virginia granted the Certification of No Objection (CNO) for the relocation of the Holmes precinct to Bailey's Elementary School and the voter satellite office to the new Franconia Governmental Center. The new Franconia Governmental Center, located at 7130 Silver Lake Blvd. in Alexandria, is open and will host the Franconia District early voting location going forward. To ensure district voters are aware of the new location ahead of the start of early voting for the August Primary Elections, staff developed an informational postcard. The postcard will be mailed to all Franconia District voters, aiming to arrive in mailboxes by early July.

Logic and Accuracy testing for the August 4, 2026, Primary Elections will be conducted on the following dates:

Early Voting Satellites – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center, 8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152

Starts: Wednesday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. (Postponed from June 8 due to a candidate withdrawal).
Ends: Friday, June 12 or when testing is completed.

Election Day Polling Places – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center, 8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152.
Starts: Monday, July 6 at 8:00 a.m.
Ends: Tuesday, July 14 or when testing is completed.

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners
Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035.
Date: Wednesday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Under the Resource Allocation for the August 4, 2026, Primary Elections, Mr. Pinkney asked the election administration team to consider reducing the number of election officers in low turnout precincts. Ms. Hanley asked the team to increase the ballot order for the Montebello precinct, which will involve a dual-primary and has traditionally experienced a higher than average turnout on election day. Ms. Challender moved to approve the Resource Allocation subject to these recommendations. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Bushra Ardalan, currently the Voter Services/SDR Manager, successfully competed for the Voter and Candidate Services Manager position, effective June 13, 2026. William (Bill) Turley, currently the Early Voting Assistant Manager, was selected as the new Election Training and Operations Manager position, effective June 13, 2026. The recruitment process for the Elections IT Manager position is ongoing.

Although the Department of Elections (ELECT) has not yet provided information regarding additional mandatory languages, at the May 14 meeting, the Electoral Board approved a pilot to provide sample ballots in additional languages and requested that staff provide the language options at the following meeting. The languages to be considered are listed from two data sources: 1) 2021 American Community Survey data for citizens aged 18 and over who don't speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process; 2) The Home Language Survey that is included in the FCPS enrollment forms (attached and made a part of this record).

After discussion, Mr. Pinkney moved to adopt the recommendation of the staff and approve the following seven additional languages for the November pilot: Arabic, Amharic, Mandarin, Urdu, Dari, Farsi and Pashtu. Ms. Challender offered a friendly amendment to substitute Nepali for Pashtu. Mr. Pinkney accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0. The translated sample ballots will be compiled in spiral-bound booklets, two for each precinct and early voting location. Election officers will keep track of the number of times the booklets are used by voters and the ballot language chosen. Signs will be posted at voting locations to inform voters that sample ballots are available in the selected languages.

Ms. Hanley moved that all printed materials related to this motion clearly indicate that this is a pilot project. The languages provided are not permanent, and the list may or may not be used in the future because in December, the American Community Survey results will become

available, and ELECT may also require additional languages [under Va. Code § 24.2-129]. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Under the Vice Chairman's report, Ms. Challender thanked the staff for the additional information on what constitutes a material omission or error on a provisional ballot. The Board concurred and extended their appreciation to the staff for the effort that led to the adoption of the language pilot program.

Under Public Comments, Ms. Hanley asked those who want to make a comment, either online or in person, to raise their hand to be recognized, and to provide their name and the organization they represent, if any, before giving a statement. She reminded the public that comments are limited to three minutes. The Board may answer certain queries; however, if more research is required, the Board may defer an answer. The Board may also request written submission of the comment or inquiry. For those present in the room, comments will be made from the podium.

Mr. Friedly thanked the Boad for revising the Election Officer Code of Conduct. He asked the Board to consider informing the endorsing party when one of their election officers will no longer be considered for an assignment. Ms. Hanley responded that the review would continue under the Closed Session.

Ms. Vorel asked the Board about future early voting sites considering that the August primaries will be the last primary supporting three 45-day locations. Ms. Hanley responded that for future primaries, the only 45-day site will be the Fairfax County Government Center. Effective for the June 2027 Primaries, the North County Governmental Center and the Mount Vernon Governmental Center will maintain the same hours as the 13-day locations.

Ms. Carper inquired about an update on allowing the LWV to offer voter registration opportunities after naturalization ceremonies. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that a meeting with the LWV is planned for early July.

Ms. Hanley moved that the Board enter a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, specifically for the performance review and evaluation of the General Registrar and election officers, as permitted by Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1). The motion passed by a vote of 3-0, and the Board moved into Closed Session at 4:59 p.m.

At 5:56 p.m. the Board concluded the Closed Session. Chairman Hanley read the following statement:

> "In accordance with *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3712(D), I am asking the Secretary of the Electoral Board to conduct a roll call vote to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were conducted in the closed meeting and (ii) only such public business as was identified in the motion for the closed meeting, by which the closed meeting was convened, was heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting of the Electoral Board. That roll call vote shall be recorded and included in the minutes of the Electoral Board."

Secretary Pinkney called for the vote on the above statement:

Voting Yes:	Chairman Hanley
	Vice Chairman Challender
	Secretary Pinkney

Mr. Pinkney moved to adopt the Election Officer Code of Conduct, with additional revisions, so it can be publicly posted and used for the next election. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0. Ms. Challender moved that the criteria set forth in the Election Officer Review and Feedback process be adopted for use. Future changes to this process will continue to be submitted to the Board. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0. The Board expressed appreciation to staff for their work, and the public for identifying and supporting the need for these updates.

Ms. Challender announced that the review of the General Registrar has been conducted by the deadline required by ELECT.

Mr. Pinkney moved to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attachments

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Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman

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Megan M. Challender, Vice Chairman

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Kevin R. Pinkney, Secretary

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