County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2025

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Kevin R. Pinkney, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board
Jeffrey K. Shapiro, Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board

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Office of Elections – All Staff

SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the June 4, 2025, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 5/1	As of 6/1	Change from 5/1
Active Registered Voters	759,666	760,986	+1,320
Inactive Registered Voters	41,598	41,304	-294
Total	**801,264**	**802,290**	**+1,026**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out)	5/1 to 5/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 5/31)
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	312	2,292
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	310	2,005
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	82	263
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	7	26
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	0	41
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	20	123
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,421	6,628
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	4	17
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**2,156**	**11,395**

Active Voter Registration Additions	5/1 to 5/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 5/31)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	2,087	10,513
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,105	5,009
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	284	1,803
Total	**3,476**	**17,325**

Voter Registration Transactions[3] *(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)*	5/1 to 5/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 5/31)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	20,262	96,167
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	981	3,105
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	73	230
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	290	1,888
Va. Paper Form In-Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	34	134
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	162	488
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	15	804
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	71	221
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	4	4
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	54	515
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	2
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	514	3,038

[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)

Absentee by Mail Requests

As of May 31, we approved a total of 45,592 absentee ballot applications for the June 2025 Democratic Primary. This includes 42,398 permanent applications, 2,751 applications from overseas and military voters, 5 permanent absentee change forms, and 438 one-time applications.

The following shows a breakdown of the absentee applications received in May 2025 for the June 2025 Democratic Primary for each of these categories:

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee Change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
372	426	5	34	837

Absentee by Mail Voting

As of May 31, 9,909 absentee ballots have been returned, a 22% return rate. Thirty-two voters who requested an absentee ballot decided to vote in person instead, making up just 0.07% of absentee ballots mailed.

Pre-processing (open/extract and scanning) is being scheduled as needed based on the number of ballots to process. So far, we have extracted 6,361 ballots over one session.

Early (In-Person) Voting

As of May 31, 1,764 individuals have voted in-person at the three early voting locations that opened on May 2 for the June 2025 Democratic Party Primary election.

An additional 13 early voting locations will open on Saturday, June 7, and remain open until Saturday, June 14. Weekday hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. except at the Fairfax County Government Center, which is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All early voting locations are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, June 14. There is no early voting on Sunday, June 8.

Same day registration is available at all early voting locations now through Saturday, June 14.

In light of the lower-than-expected voter turnout, we reduced the number of election officers assigned to each location and we continue to closely monitor turnout to optimize staffing levels, minimizing the number of election officers while still providing all essential voting services including curbside voting and the mandated drop box officer.

Election Officer Assignments

We have assigned and confirmed approximately 1,600 election officers across all 264 precincts. We are now in the process of filling daily cancellations to ensure that all precincts are fully staffed on election day. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, all available and trained Democratic-affiliated officers have been assigned to a precinct. After exhausting all available Democratic officers, we are now using other officers to fill in remaining vacancies, including last-minute cancellations shortly before and on election day.

The last day to apply to serve as an election officer was Tuesday, May 27, and we have finished our onboarding process for new officers. We have hired approximately 200 new election officers for this election.

Election Officer Training

Election officer training for this election has been proceeding smoothly. We are offering a robust series of training opportunities to satisfy statutory requirements related to election officer reappointment and the deployment of new equipment, while ensuring all election officers are well prepared for the upcoming election.

To date, more than 2,000 election officers have attended an in-person class, and over 2,700 have completed an online, on-demand course.

We will continue to offer in-person classes—including our New Equipment Training, New Election Officer Class, Chief Workshop, and Closing Procedures Workshop—through the week before the election. We anticipate approximately 500 additional attendees before election day, for a total of about 80 class sessions and 2,500 in-person attendees.

The Chiefs Briefing was held on Tuesday, June 3, at 10 a.m. This webinar provided Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs with important procedural updates, general reminders, and election-specific information.

The Chiefs Open House will be held on Tuesday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This drop-in event offers Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs the opportunity to ask questions, practice with forms, procedures, and equipment, and pick up a printed copy of the Chiefs Notebook. The digital version of the Chiefs Notebook was published last week.

Logic & Accuracy Testing

The majority of Logic & Accuracy (L&A) testing activities are now complete, including:

- Early voting: ballot-on-demand (BOD) systems
- Early voting: electronic pollbooks (Poll Pads)
- Early voting: ballot scanners (DS300s) and ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes)
- Election day: ballot scanners (DS300s) and ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes)
- Absentee mail: two of three high-speed mail ballot scanners (DS950s)

One of our high-speed mail ballot scanners (DS950s) is scheduled for repair on Tuesday, June 3, and is then tentatively set to undergo Logic & Accuracy testing again on Thursday, June 5.

Pursuant to Virginia Administrative Code 20-60-70 and as in past elections, the electronic pollbooks (Poll Pads) to be used for election day will be tested and prepared on the Sunday before election day (June 15, 2025).

New Voting Equipment

In February 2025, we received 700 new DS300 ballot scanners and three new DS950 high-speed absentee ballot scanners to replace our previous equipment.

Overall, the new equipment has performed well and met expectations throughout acceptance testing and pre-election logic & accuracy testing. A small subset of the equipment, approximately 5% of all units received, has encountered issues. Importantly, these issues were discovered during the testing process, which is specifically designed to identify and isolate units falling outside of performance specifications before they are deployed for actual use.

We have been in regular communication with our vendor, ES&S, to address all concerns. Some units have already been repaired on-site, while others have been returned to the vendor for replacement. The vendor is scheduled to send technicians on Tuesday, June 3, to perform further inspections and complete outstanding repairs.

All issues identified so far have been confined to the testing phase. None of the issues identified to date have impacted the performance of the machines, the accuracy of ballot counting, or the integrity of election results. We remain confident that all equipment used in the upcoming election will be fully tested and in proper working condition prior to deployment.

The table below summarizes the status of the new equipment as of May 30, 2025.

	DS300 ballot scanners	**DS950 high-speed scanners**
Units received	**700**	**3**
Units passed all testing to date	*663*	*2*
Units requiring replacement or repair	*37*	*1*
Units requiring replacement or repair	**37**	**1**
Units returned to vendor	*14*	*-*
Units repaired on-site	*5*	*-*
Units due to be inspected	*18*	*1*

Special Election

Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a writ of election calling a special election in Virginia's 11th Congressional District for September 9, 2025. The seat was previously held by Representative Gerald E. Connolly, who passed away on May 21, 2025.

Office Personnel

Gretchen Coleman, Election Officer Manager, submitted her resignation from her position effective June 10, 2025, to accept the Assistant Election Manager position with the City of Alexandria Office of Elections.

Awards and Recognitions

The Barbara Varon Selection Committee will be presenting the Barbara Varon Service Award to the 2024 recipient, Jose Garzon, at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on June 10 at 9:30 a.m.

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received four VFOIA requests and three NVRA requests since the May 8, 2025, Electoral Board meeting, bringing the total to 19 VFOIA requests and 11 NVRA requests in 2025.

Referrals to Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General

Based on the Electoral Board policy enacted at the September 16, 2024 Electoral Board meeting, each month the General Registrar refers individuals identified by ELECT as potential non-citizens to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General.

ELECT cancelled the registration records for 82 individuals between May 1 and May 31, 2025, on the grounds that they were potential non-citizens. Of those 82, one reregistered and affirmed their citizenship after the cancellation, two were registered in error, and one moved out of state. On June 3, 2025, the General Registrar referred the remaining 78 individuals to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General.