County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: April 8, 2026

TO: Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board
Megan M. Challender, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board
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Office of Elections – All Staff

SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the April 9, 2026 Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 1/31	As of 4/6	Change from 1/31
Active Registered Voters	759,797	744,036	-15,761
Inactive Registered Voters	51,817	68,756	+16,939
Total	**811,614**	**812,792**	**+1,178**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out)	2/1 to 3/31	Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 3/31)
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	912	1,602
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	2,029	2,473
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	64	90
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	8	12
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	34	48
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	115	224
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	2,721	3,932
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	4	9
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**5,887**	**8,390**

Active Voter Registration Additions	2/1 to 3/31	Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 3/31)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	4,795	6,388
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	2,210	3,243
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	60	477
Total	**7,065**	**10,108**

Voter Registration Transactions[3] *(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)*	2/1 to 3/31	Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 3/31)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	34,257	50,648
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	4,012	4,815
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	126	188
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	1,339	1,350
Va. Paper Form In Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	154	170
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	208	287
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	223	276
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	105	130
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	8	23
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	1,039	1,244
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	0
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	1,162	1,998

[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)

Polling Place Changes

On April 14, 2026, the Office will request that the Board of Supervisors schedule a public hearing on May 5, 2026, for the following precinct and polling place changes:

- In the Mason District, Culmore Community Library, the polling place for Holmes precinct, will close for renovation. The polling place for Holmes precinct will be relocated to Bailey's Elementary School where it will co-locate with Tripps precinct.
- Relocate the Franconia Governmental Center, which serves as a voter satellite office, to its new facility at 7130 Silver Lake Boulevard, Alexandria.

ELECT Confirmation Mailing

On February 2, as part of a list maintenance process mandated by Virginia Code § 24.2-428 and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT) mailed 4,254 confirmations to individuals who moved within Fairfax County and 17,577 confirmations to individuals who moved out of Fairfax County.

As of April 6, 2026, the Office of Elections has received the following responses to the confirmation mailing sent by ELECT:

Moved Out of State	1,607
Moved Within Fairfax	308
Moved Within VA	125
No Change	87
Undeliverable	3,244
Incomplete	39
Total	**5,410**

Early In-Person Voting – April 21 Special Election

Early voting for the April 21, 2026, Proposed Constitutional Amendment Special Election started on Friday, March 6 at three locations: Fairfax County Government Center, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center and North County Governmental Center. As of April 6, **33,853** people have voted early in-person. An additional 13 early voting locations will open on Saturday, April 11. Weekday hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center and 1 pm to 7 pm at all other locations. On Saturday, April 11 and Saturday, April 18, all locations are open 9 am to 5 pm. Early voting ends on Saturday, April 18.

Absentee by Mail Requests – April 21 Special Election

As of April 3, **70,655** permanent absentee ballot applications have been approved for the April 21 Special Election. In total, **75,748** absentee ballots have been sent for the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Special Election.

ELECT notified registrars of mail service suspensions that may affect overseas and military voters. These suspensions include numerous diplomatic and military zip codes served by the USPS and overseas addresses served by the postal services of several countries. The Absentee Division is actively monitoring these service suspensions and coordinating with Voter Services to ensure voters in the affected areas can receive and return their absentee ballots.

The following absentee ballot applications were processed in the month of February:

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
222	188	1	82	493

The following absentee ballot applications were processed in the month of March:

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
2562	1155	7	237	3961

Election Officers – April 21 Special Election

We are assigning up to **2,200** election officers across 265 precincts, with between 6-13 officers assigned to each precinct. This includes approximately 50% of election officers representing the Democratic Party, 30% representing the Republican Party, and 20% as unaffiliated officers.

All assigned election officers have confirmed their precinct and position assignments and have either completed all required training or are enrolled in an upcoming in-person class. As we receive cancellations each day, we are actively replacing them with another officer of the same party affiliation, if available.

The application deadline for new officers to serve in this election was March 31. There have been **278** new officers (153 affiliated with the Democratic Party, 47 affiliated with the Republican Party, and 78 unaffiliated) who have completed hiring paperwork appointments – those who completed training are eligible to serve in this election.

A delay in starting recruitment and collecting availability, as well as the timing and content of this Special Election, has led to lower-than-expected availability for election officers. Coordination with the FCRC and FCDC to get new and existing election officers through the required training and confirmation process has greatly helped us meet targets in party representation and precinct rosters. Even with the assistance from the political parties there has been a need to assign unaffiliated officers as Assistant Chiefs in some precincts to be paired with their Democratic or Republican-affiliated Chief counterpart for this election.

Election Officer Training – April 21 Special Election

With early voting taking place in our regular training room in Suite 251, we reduced class sizes and held training classes in Suite 315 during this election period. Additionally, due to the compressed timeline for this election, our regular training schedule has been somewhat condensed. Even so, we have endeavored to offer a varied schedule across multiple weeks for all class types. Classes began in early March and continue through next week. By election day, we expect over 700 election officers to have attended an in-person training class and more than 400 election officers to have completed an online, on-demand training course.

We conducted the Chiefs Briefing on Tuesday, March 31, for all Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs serving in this election. The briefing covered election-specific updates, what's new, general tips and reminders, and a Q&A session.

We hosted our Chief Open House on Tuesday, April 7, at our warehouse location in West Springfield. More than 300 Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs attended throughout the day, and many appreciated the opportunity to see our warehouse, ask questions, get extra practice, and pick up a copy of the Chiefs Notebook.

Logic & Accuracy Testing – April 21 Special Election

Logic and accuracy testing activities for the April 21 Special Election were conducted on the dates below. Only the testing of Election Day electronic pollbooks remains to be completed on April 19.

Early Voting Satellites – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center, 8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152
Date: Monday, March 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Election Day Polling Places – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center,8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152
Starts: Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners
Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035
Date: Thursday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Electronic Pollbooks and Ballot-on-Demand Equipment:

- Early Voting Satellite – Ballot-on-Demand for three 45-day locations:
  Monday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- Early Voting Satellite – Electronic Pollbooks:
  Monday, March 2, 1:00 p.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)
- Early Voting Satellite – Ballot-on-Demand for additional 13 locations:
  Tuesday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- Election Day – Electronic Pollbooks:
  Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)

Office Personnel

Cord Whitehouse, who has served as the Election IT Manager since 2022, was appointed to the Deputy General Registrar/Deputy Director for Election Administration position, effective April 4.

Sean Rogers, who successfully competed for the Election Administration Manager position effective January 29, 2026, recently tendered his resignation. His last working day will be May 1.

Elena Langworthy, who participated in the original interview process, was hired as the Election Administration Manager, effective April 6. The Election Administration Manager position is dual encumbered with Sean and Elena until May 8.

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received 18 VFOIA requests and five NVRA requests since the February 19, 2026 Electoral Board Meeting, bringing the total this year to 25 VFOIA requests and seven NVRA requests.

Communications and Outreach

Communications staff supported the office's quick pivot from closeout and certification of the March Special Election to opening early voting for the April 21, 2026 Special Election through election information updates, media coordination, and a county NewsCenter article. Working with the Office of Public Affairs and our office's voter services and election officer teams, we shared special election status updates from the Virginia Department of Elections and provided responses for voter inquiries and concerns.

<u>Outreach</u>

Coordinating with the FCPS High School Voter Registration POCs, our outreach manager distributed updated voter registration flyers to senior class students at 29 high schools. The flyers share information on the various ways to vote and feature QR codes that offer quick access to the Virginia online citizen portal and the office of elections website.

The outreach team responded to a request for registration assistance and recently visited Brightview Senior Living. The team offered voter registration information, reviewed registration forms, and provided absentee ballot information to residents who requested it. Facility staff reported that residents appreciated the chance to ask questions and interact with elections staff in person.

Legislation

The 2026 General Assembly Regular Session adjourned on March 14. Bills that completed cross over and were passed out of each chamber are awaiting Governor's action by April 13. We will continue to monitor relevant legislation for the Governor's signature or recommended amendments and provide updates in preparation for the county and ELECT's 2026 legislative review.

Follow-up and Updates

1. Compliance Project

   Division managers drafted and updated standard operating procedure (SOP) documents covering their legally required functions. Communications staff reviewed procedural content, offered feedback, and worked with managers to create a consistent level of operational detail.

   Working with the General Registrar/Director of Elections, staff prepared a systematic compliance document incorporating the code-cited legal requirements alongside the SOP documents. We have compiled all material into a Fairfax County Office of Elections Standard Operating Procedure Notebook with a cohesive format and accessible layout.

2. Language Requirements

   The Census Bureau's Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office informed us that the publication of the 2026 Section 203 Language determinations is planned for December of this year.

3. Awards and Recognitions

   The Office of Elections has nine staff members who will be honored with Outstanding Performance Awards during the Spring award ceremony on Friday, May 1.

   The nomination period for the Fall Outstanding Performance Awards is July 27 - August 7.