County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: August 12, 2025

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SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the August 14, 2025, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 7/1	As of 7/31	Change from 7/1
Active Registered Voters	762,936	746,528	-16,408
Inactive Registered Voters	41,065	57,093	+16,028
Total	**804,001**	**803,621**	**-380**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out)	7/1 to 7/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 7/31)
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	437	3,050
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	2,114	4,297
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	69	354
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	10	40
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	9	50
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	113	269
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	2,610	10,549
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	2	20
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**5,364**	**18,629**

Active Voter Registration Additions	7/1 to 7/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 7/31)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	3,108	15,688
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,869	8,387
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	302	2,349
Total	**5,279**	**26,424**

Voter Registration Transactions[3] *(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)*	7/1 to 7/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 7/31)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	23,480	140,269
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	1,660	6,256
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	95	402
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	437	2,326
Va. Paper Form In Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	226	380
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	296	1,370
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	30	851
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	139	364
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	0	380
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	1,105	1,654
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	2
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	604	4,068

[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)

Confirmation Mailing

On June 25, 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 4,855 confirmations to individuals who moved within Fairfax County and 16,013 confirmations to individuals who moved out of Fairfax County.

As of August 11, the Office of Elections has received the following responses to the June 25 confirmation mailing sent by ELECT:

Moved Out of State	2,189
Moved Within Fairfax	478
Moved Within VA	88
No Change	166
Undeliverable	4,188
Incomplete	34
Total	**7,143**

In addition, we mailed voter registration update forms to the undeliverable NCOA records with a forwarded address on NIXIE. As of August 11, we mailed 740 update forms to out-of-state addresses, 202 forms to addresses within Fairfax County, and 144 forms to addresses within Virginia.

Cancellation of Permanent Absentee Applications for Inactive Voters

Virginia Code §24.2-703.1(D) requires that a voter on the permanent absentee (PAB) list be removed from the list if the voter's registration is placed in an inactive status pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 24.2-428 or 24.2-428.1. On August 6, ELECT provided Fairfax County with a list of 657 permanent absentee applications to cancel due to the voters' inactive status, and we took that action.

Schools Will Be Closed for Voting on September 9

On August 6, after receiving compelling information about the challenges associated with parking and other logistical issues from the Electoral Board and other interested parties, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid announced that FCPS facilities will be closed on the day of the September 9 Special Election.

Early Voting Satellites – September 9 Special Election

Early voting for the September 9 Special Election in the 11th Congressional District began on Friday, July 25. As of August 11, a total of 5,069 voters had cast ballots at the two locations that are open for voting for 45 days, the Fairfax County Government Center and the North County Governmental Center. An additional nine locations will be open for seven days of voting beginning Friday, August 29 through Saturday, September 6.

All 11 locations will be open on two Saturdays: August 30 and September 6. There will be no Sunday voting, and all early voting locations will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

The percentage of eligible voters who have voted so far is comparable to the November 2023 General Election.

Early Voting Satellites – November 4 General Election

Early voting for the November 4 General Election will begin on Friday, September 19, and will end on Saturday, November 1. Consistent with past practices, three satellites will be open for 45 days: Fairfax County Government Center, Mount Vernon Governmental Center and North County Governmental Center. An additional 13 early voting locations will open on Thursday, October 23, and remain open for 10 consecutive days, including two Saturdays (October 25 and November 1) and one Sunday (October 26). The hours for the Fairfax County Government Center will be 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. All other locations will be open from 1 pm to 7 pm Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday hours are 1 pm to 5 pm.

Absentee by Mail Requests

As of August 11, the Office of Elections approved 51,343 absentee ballot applications for the September 9 Special Election from voters registered in the 11th Congressional District. This includes 45,740 permanent applications, 4,973 applications from overseas and military voters, three permanent absentee change forms, and 627 single-election applications. Twenty-one percent of mailed/emailed ballots have been returned.

The following shows a breakdown of the absentee applications received in July for the September 9 Special Election:

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
303	222	0	49	574

Election Officers

For the September 9 Special Election in the 11th Congressional District, 1,450 election officers have been assigned across 175 precincts. While the number of available officers is significantly lower than in a general election, we expect to have just enough to staff all precincts, including replacements.

Most assignments have been sent and confirmed. Replacements are being assigned daily to cover cancellations or officers who do not complete required training. Democratic officers were assigned to fill 50% of positions in each precinct. All available Republican officers have been placed, and unaffiliated officers are now being assigned to fill remaining spots.

The application process for new officers to serve in the special election closed on August 9. Individuals applying between now and October 4 will be eligible for assignment in the November 4 General Election.

Recruitment efforts remain strong. On August 12, the Office of Elections joined jurisdictions nationwide in National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, highlighting the essential role of election officers and encouraging community members to serve in ensuring secure, accessible elections.

Election Officer Training

To ensure familiarity with the new ExpressVote 3 ballot marking device, election officers who had hands-on practice with the ExpressVote 1 during a New Equipment Training prior to the June Democratic Party Primary were required to complete a supplemental course. This course covers the ExpressVote 3's features and functions, as well as guidance on assisting voters at the machine.

Between this BMD Basics course and our other online offerings—Chief Basics, Provisional Basics, and Election Officer Recertification—our online courses have been completed more than 2,000 times this election season, and nearly 5,000 times so far this year.

By the end of this week, we will have completed most of our in-person training classes for the September 9 Special Election. By the close of this training season, more than 1,000 election officers will have attended a required class to be eligible to serve, and approximately 3,500 election officers will have participated in an in-person training class of some kind this year.

The Chiefs Briefing will be held on Tuesday, August 19, followed by the Chiefs Open House on Tuesday, August 26.

In-person training for the November 4 General Election will resume the week after the September 9 Special Election.

Resource Allocation for Election Day – November 4 General Election

For each election, we develop a resource allocation plan and order ballots based on comparable past elections. In previous general elections over the past four years, in-person election day turnout has ranged from 27% to 37% overall, with 10% to 55% in individual precincts. Gubernatorial elections typically draw the highest turnout outside of presidential years. The last gubernatorial election occurred late in the COVID pandemic and just one year after the start of no-excuse early voting, so we are preparing for the possibility of higher in-person turnout this year.

For this election, each precinct will receive ballots for 50% to 80% of its active registered voters, with the percentage based on its historical general election turnout over the past four years.

Each precinct will receive three to five e-pollbooks (Poll Pads), two ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes), two ballot scanners (DS300s), and five to 12 total election officers. Each precinct will also have one or two Provisional Specialist election officers, with the highest-turnout precincts and those with the most provisional ballots in past elections—such as 426 GREENSPRING, 332 COATES, and 134 UNIVERSITY—receiving additional Provisional Specialists.

Logic and Accuracy Testing - September 9 Special Election

Logic and accuracy testing activities are well underway for the September 9 Special Election.

The following logic and accuracy tests are complete:

- Early voting satellites – ballot scanners
- Early voting satellites – ballot marking devices
- Early voting satellites – ballot-on-demand equipment for the two 45-day locations
- Early voting satellites – e-pollbooks
- Absentee mail – high-speed ballot scanners
- Election day – ballot scanners
- Election day – ballot marking devices

The following logic and accuracy testing activities are scheduled for the near future:

- Early voting satellites – ballot-on-demand for additional 9 locations:
  August 12-14 at 8:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- Election day – e-pollbooks:
  September 7 at 8:00 a.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)

Logic and Accuracy Testing – November 4 General Election

We will begin logic and accuracy testing for the November 4 General Election on the following dates:

Early Voting Satellites L&A
Location: Morrissette Operations Center**,** 8600-UA Morrissette Drive, Springfield, VA 22152
Starts: September 3 at 8:00 a.m.
Ends: September 5 or when testing is completed

Election Day Polling Places – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center
Starts: September 23 at 9:00 a.m.
Ends: October 3 or when testing is completed

Office Personnel

As announced during last month's Electoral Board meeting, Ravi Udeshi was appointed as the second Deputy General Registrar/Deputy Director for the Office of Elections effective June 28. Ravi will primarily be responsible for overseeing all Election Administration functions and will also assist with the leadership of the Department and strategic planning, drawing on his very strong analytical and data analysis skills.

Ann Hines, who has been the Executive Assistant for the General Registrar/Director since September 9, 2023, successfully competed for the FOIA/Records/Outreach Manager position, and will transition to that position effective August 23.

A Business Analyst II position under the IT division is currently advertised and is scheduled to close on Friday, August 15.

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received four VFOIA requests and two NVRA requests since the July 17, 2025, Electoral Board meeting, bringing the total this year to 34 VFOIA requests and 17 NVRA requests.

Electronic Pollbook Replacement Project

Work is underway to program the cloud infrastructure for the new pollbooks and perform acceptance testing. Currently, we are on track to use the new equipment for the November 4 General Election.

Awards and Recognitions

On July 17, the Fairfax County Office of Elections was honored to welcome U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Commissioner Thomas Hicks, who formally presented our two national Clearies Awards and three honorable mentions earned earlier this year.

Additionally, the Election Center (National Association of Election Officials) recently recognized the Fairfax County Office of Elections as the recipient of one of just eight awards nationwide. Our Provisional Overlays initiative was recognized in the S*tewardship* category, which highlights programs that deliver significant time and cost savings.

The initiative began as our Training & Operations team created overlays that highlight only the required fields on provisional ballot envelopes. We later partnered with a local print vendor to produce durable, reusable polystyrene versions for both the SDR and non-SDR sides of the envelopes. By covering nonessential fields, the overlays make missing information immediately visible, giving voters the chance to correct errors before submission. This simple but highly effective tool has dramatically reduced incomplete provisional envelopes and prevented unnecessary ballot rejections.

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 69 individuals between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, on the grounds that they were potential non-citizens. This was initiated because the citizenship confirmation notice they were mailed was not returned within the mandated two-week period. Of those 69, one registered and affirmed their citizenship after the cancellation. On August 7, 2025, the General Registrar referred the remaining 68 individuals to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General for possible unlawful elections conduct.