

County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: February 4, 2025

TO: Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board

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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CC: Beth Dixon Methfessel, Clerk to the Electoral Board

Office of Elections - All Staff

SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the February 6, 2025, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 1/1	As of 1/31	Change from 1/1
Active Registered Voters	760,200	761,599	+1,399
Inactive Registered Voters	67,387	37,598	-29,789
Total	827,587	799,197	-28,390

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (Cancellations and Transfers Out)	1/1 – 1/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 1/31)
Deceased (multiple sources) ¹	625	625
Out-of-State (multiple sources) ²	304	304
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	26	26
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	7	7
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	4	4
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	32	32
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	1,350	1,350
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	4	4
Total Cancellations and Transfers	2,352	2,352

Active Voter Registration Additions	1/1 – 1/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 1/31)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	2,381	2,381
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	979	979
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	391	391
Total	3,751	3,751

Voter Registration Transactions ³ (includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)	1/1 – 1/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 1/31)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	18,477	18,477
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	463	463
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	63	63
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	466	466
Va. Paper Form In-Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	19	19
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	105	105
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	288	288
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	26	26
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	0	0
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	97	97
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	0
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	726	726

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)

Fairfax County Voter List

Confirmation Mailings and Cancellation Process

Pursuant to state law (§ 24.2-428) and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT) conducts an annual address match of Virginia's voters against records in the United States Postal Service's (USPS) National Change of Address (NCOA) registry.

ELECT enters voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia into the confirmation mailing process when they determine that the voter has moved and their new address differs from their current Virginia registration address in the statewide voter database (VERIS).

These confirmation mailings include a postage prepaid envelope and a form for voters to use to inform us of their current residence address and, if they have moved out of state, request their registration be cancelled. Voters who respond to the mailing within 30 days and confirm that their residence is unchanged or is in Virginia remain on the voter registration list as active, Virginia-registered voters.

Voters who do not respond to the notice within 30 days or whose confirmation mailing is returned as undeliverable are classified as "Inactive" on the voter's registration record in VERIS. Inactive voters are removed automatically from VERIS if they fail to vote or update their Virginia voter registration address over a period of two federal general elections (2 to 4 years).

Voters who have been designated as "Inactive" may still cast a ballot on Election Day. These voters are required to sign a statement declaring that they are a qualified and registered voter of the precinct at which they are present before casting their ballot.

Confirmation Mailing Time Frame

ELECT has indicated that they will initiate two confirmation mailings in 2025. The first confirmation mailing is scheduled to be sent to Fairfax County voters on February 7, 2025.

Recent Cancellations

On January 30, ELECT (automatically, through VERIS) canceled the registration of 29,390 voters in Fairfax County who were placed in "Inactive" status on or before August 10, 2022, did not respond to multiple notices, had not voted in any election, and had not updated their Virginia voter registration address between August 10, 2022, and January 22, 2025. We will send the cancellation list to each political party, post the list at the Fairfax County Courthouse, or publish it in the newspaper, and have a copy available in our office for public inspection.



Legislation

We are closely following pending legislation in the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate that relates to elections. We work with the Fairfax County legislation liaison team and the Office of the County Attorney to formally review, discuss, and comment on proposed legislation to assist the Board of Supervisors in evaluating the bills. The Board of Supervisors determines the position the county officially takes on the bills. Staff members attend the weekly Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee meetings to provide additional information as needed and to answer questions.

Permanent Absentee Opt-Out Mailing

An opt-out notice will be mailed in February to the approximately 73,000 Fairfax County voters on the Permanent Absentee Voter list. When we mailed a similar notice to voters in December 2023, approximately 700 were returned by voters who wished to be removed.

Appointment of Election Officers

As required by Virginia Code § 24.2-115, election officers must be re-appointed for a new two-year term that begins March 1, 2025. The re-appointment list is based on nomination lists that we received from the Fairfax County Republican Party and the Fairfax County Democratic Party.

Once re-appointed, election officers must complete a new oath form and training before serving in their first election of the term. This training will also cover the new DS300 scanners and other updated voting equipment being implemented this year. Training classes will begin in April.

June 17 Primary Election Timeline

March 4: Deadline for political parties to submit a request to the State Board of Elections to call a primary election on June 17 for offices that will appear on the November general election ballot. Immediately thereafter, the Department of Elections will issue the order(s) calling for the primary.

April 3: Deadline for candidates for state offices to file their paperwork and petitions with the state or their party, depending on the office sought.

Offices on the Ballot in Fairfax County in November 2025

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Virginia House of Delegates
Mayor and Town Council, Town of Clifton
Mayor and Town Council, Town of Vienna



Office Personnel

Kay Garrison, the Election Supplies Coordinator of the Voting Inventory Division, will retire from the County effective February 11, 2025, after serving 12 years in this position and 26 years with the County.

After competitive recruitment processes, we have selected the top candidates for the soon to be vacant Election Supplies Coordinator position and the vacant Voting Equipment & Logistics Assistant Manager position. The start dates are tentatively set for February 8, 2025, and February 18, 2025, respectively.

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received four VFOIA requests and two NVRA requests since the January 13, 2025 Electoral Board meeting, bringing the total to four VFOIA requests and two 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 26 individuals between January 1 and January 31, 2025, on the grounds that they were potential non-citizens. Of those 26, one re-registered after the cancellation and seven were sent in error by ELECT. On February 4, 2025, the General Registrar referred the remaining 18 individuals to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General.

Attachment 1 – Organizational Chart

Attachment 2 - List of Policies and Procedures

