County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: January 6, 2026

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SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the January 7, 2026, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 9/30	As of 12/31	Change from 9/30
Active Registered Voters	751,617	759,257	+7,640
Inactive Registered Voters	55,016	52,238	-2,778
Total	**806,633**	**811,495**	**+4,862**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out)	9/30 to 12/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 12/31)
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	1,366	5,265
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	2,487	7,711
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	107	538
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	17	71
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	35	141
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	273	649
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	7,466	22,384
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	3	26
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**11,754**	**36,785**

Active Voter Registration Additions	9/30 to 12/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 12/31)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	11,163	32,669
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	5,209	17,178
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	3,022	7,462
Total	**19,394**	**57,309**

Voter Registration Transactions[3] *(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)*	9/30 to 12/31	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 12/31)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	52,266	236,139
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	11,079	22,816
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	695	2,067
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	1,301	4,490
Va. Paper Form In Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	2,549	3,450
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	675	2,577
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	243	1,336
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	152	626
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	4,264	5,089
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	1,931	4,054
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	1	5
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	1,834	7,154

[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)

January 13, 2026 – Special Election for House of Delegates 11th District

A Special Election has been called for January 13, 2026 to fill a vacancy in the House of Delegates 11th District that resulted when Delegate David L. Bulova was appointed by Governor-elect Spanberger as Virginia's Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources. The following are key dates and information for this election:

Key Dates:

January 2	Deadline to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot
January 3	First day of early voting
January 10	Last day of early voting
January 13	Election Day
January 14	Canvass of the Election
January 16	Last day to receive absentee by-mail ballots
January 17	Provisional Adjudication and CAP Canvass

Key Information:

Number of Precincts	15
Early Voting Locations	Govt. Center and Jim Scott Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive
Party balance for Chiefs	8 Democratic Chiefs and 7 Republican Chiefs at precincts 1 Democratic Chief and 1 Republican Chief for early voting

January 20, 2026 – Special Election for House of Delegates 17th District

A Special Election has been called for January 20, 2026 to fill a vacancy in the House of Delegates 17th District that resulted when Delegate Mark D. Sickles was appointed by Governor-elect Spanberger as Virginia's Secretary of Finance. The following are key dates and information for this election:

Key Date:

January 9	Deadline to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot
January 10	First day of early voting
January 17	Last day of early voting
January 20	Election Day
January 21	Canvass of the Election
January 23	Last day to receive absentee by-mail ballots
January 26	Provisional Adjudication and CAP Canvass

Key Information:

Number of Precincts	19
Early Voting Locations	Govt. Center and Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd
Party balance for Chiefs	10 Democratic Chiefs and 9 Republican Chiefs at precincts 1 Democratic Chief and 1 Republican Chief for early voting

March 3, 2026 – Special Election for Braddock District School Board Member

A Special Election has been called for March 3, 2026 to fill the Braddock District vacancy on the School Board that resulted when Rachna Sizemore Heizer won the election for the Braddock District seat on the Board of Supervisors. The following are key dates and information for this election:

Key Dates:

January 16	First day of early voting
February 20	Deadline to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot
February 28	Last day of early voting
March 3	Election Day
March 4	Canvass of the Election
March 6	Last day to receive absentee by-mail ballots
March 7	Provisional Adjudication and CAP Canvass

Key Information:

Number of Precincts	29
Early Voting Locations	Govt. Center and Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road
Early Voting Dates	Govt. Center: January 16 – February 28 (Saturdays, 1/17, 2/21, 2/28) Burke Centre Library: February 21 – 28 (Saturdays, 2/21 and 2/28)
Party balance for Chiefs	15 Democratic Chiefs and 14 Republican Chiefs at precincts 1 Democratic Chief and 1 Republican Chief for early voting

Early In-Person Voting – Special Elections

Early Voting for the House of Delegates 11th District Special Election started on Saturday, January 3 at the Fairfax County Government Center in Suite 323 and at the Jim Scott Community Center. A total of 291 people voted between the two locations.

On Saturday, January 10, two elections overlap with early voting for the House of Delegates 17th District Special Election starting at Franconia Governmental Center and at the Fairfax County Government Center Suite 323 and early voting ending for the House of Delegates 11th District Special Election.

The following week, early voting for the March 3, 2026, Special Election for the Braddock District School Board Member starts on Friday, January 16, and early voting ends for the House of Delegates 17th District Special Election ends on January 17.

Absentee by Mail Requests – January 13 Special Election for House of Delegates 11th District

As of January 4, 2026, the Office of Elections approved 3,576 absentee ballot applications for the January 13 Special Election for the House of Delegates 11th District.

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
8	3,535	0	33	3,576

Absentee by Mail Requests – January 20 Special Election for House of Delegates 17th District

As of January 4, 2026, the Office of Elections approved 5,812 absentee ballot applications for the January 20 Special Election for the House of Delegates 17th District.

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
8	5,720	0	84	5,812

Absentee by Mail Requests – March 3 Special Election for Braddock District School Board Member

As of January 4, 2026, the Office of Elections approved 7,956 absentee ballot applications for the March 3 Special Election for the Braddock District School Board Member.

One Time (SBE 701)	Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P)	Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C)	Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA)	Total
0	7,861	0	95	7,956

Election Officers – January 13 Special Election for House of Delegates 11th District

For the January 13 Special Election, 86 election officers are assigned across 15 precincts. This includes 39 Democratic officers, 38 Republican officers, and 9 unaffiliated officers.

All assigned officers have confirmed their precinct and position assignments and have completed all required training. As we receive cancellations each day, we are actively replacing them with another officer of the same party affiliation, if available.

Due to the compressed timeline of this election, we have not been offering any additional training classes or onboarding appointments for new election officers. We are instead using all active and up-to-date election officers who have served since November 2025 to ensure familiarity with all current procedures and voting equipment.

Election Officers – January 20 Special Election for House of Delegates 17th District

For the January 20 Special Election, 115 election officers are assigned across 19 precincts. This includes 54 Democratic officers, 53 Republican officers, and 8 unaffiliated officers as of January 5. Final numbers could differ pending confirmation from election officers.

Similar to the January 13 Special Election, the pool of available election officers includes those who are active, have completed all required training, and have served since November 2025. Precinct and position assignments will be sent out this week for confirmation. As we receive declinations and cancellations, we will be replacing them with another officer of the same party affiliation, if available.

Due to the compressed timeline of this election, we have not been offering any additional training classes or onboarding appointments for new election officers.

Election Officers – March 3 Special Election for Braddock District School Board Member

For the March 3 Special Election in Braddock District, we expect to assign 5 to 7 officers per precinct, or about 180 election officers total across the 29 precincts involved in that election. To minimize confusion during the ongoing January election period, outreach for this special election will begin shortly after adjudication and payroll for the January 20 Special Election has been processed. We will start by contacting officers who live in or were assigned to the Braddock District in the November general election or December special election to ask if they are available to serve again in the same precinct and position on March 3.

Because of the short turnaround between elections, several processes and timelines will be compressed or adjusted to fit the schedule. Nonetheless, we expect to complete all election officer assignments by February 6.

Election Officer Training – Special Elections

We conducted our Chiefs Briefing for the January 13 Special Election on Tuesday, January 6, and will hold our Chiefs Briefing for the January 20 Special Election on Friday, January 9. We will distribute a single, consolidated edition of our Chiefs Notebook for January special elections to these Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs. Our Chiefs Briefing for the March 3 Special Election will be held in February.

Resource Allocation – January 13 Special Election for House of Delegates 11th District

For each election, we develop a resource allocation plan and ballot order based on comparable past elections. In recent special elections in which these precincts participated, in-person election day turnout has ranged from 8% to 16% overall, with individual precincts ranging from to 1% to 39%.

The ballot order for this election and all upcoming special elections continues with our revised allocation strategy implemented in December. This approach is designed to provide enough ballots to balance efficiency and preparedness to meet projected turnout without producing a large surplus of ballots. Based on precinct-level turnout trends, each precinct will receive ballots equal to 15% to 30% of its active registered voters, for an aggregate total of 20% across all participating precincts. Notably, the early voting periods for January special elections are shorter than our usual early voting period, which could potentially translate to increased relative election day turnout.

If turnout exceeds projections, we are prepared to print additional ballots on our ballot-on-demand (BOD) printers and deliver them to precincts as needed. Election officers report turnout to our office multiple times throughout the day, enabling us to monitor ballot usage and identify early if any precinct may need more. Furthermore, each precinct will also receive additional blank ExpressVote cards beyond past levels. While we expect these extra cards should never be needed, they serve as another safeguard to ensure that uninterrupted voting can continue, should any precinct temporarily require more ballots before BOD deliveries arrive. While we anticipate that each precinct will have sufficient ballots for election day and that we will not need to activate these contingency measures, we nevertheless remain ready to do so and will closely monitor ballot usage accordingly throughout the day.

Each precinct will receive three to five e-pollbooks (Poll Pads), two ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes), two ballot scanners (DS300s), and five to six election officers.

Resource Allocation – January 20 Special Election for House of Delegates 17th District

In recent comparable elections in which these precincts participated, in-person election day turnout has ranged from 15% to 40% overall, with individual precincts ranging from to 4% to 61%. Much of this data is drawn from recent general elections in which this contest was on the ballot, providing useful insight into precinct-specific turnout patterns over time. In recent special elections, however, in-person election day turnout has ranged from 8% to 16% overall.

Based on precinct-level turnout trends, each precinct will receive ballots equal to 15% to 25% of its active registered voters, for an aggregate total of 20% across all participating precincts.

Each precinct will receive three to five e-pollbooks (Poll Pads), two ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes), two ballot scanners (DS300s), and five to six election officers.

Resource Allocation – March 3 Special Election for Braddock District School Board Member

In recent special elections in which these precincts participated, in-person election day turnout has ranged from 8% to 16% overall, with individual precincts ranging from to 1% to 39%.

Based on precinct-level turnout trends, each precinct will receive ballots equal to 10% to 25% of its active registered voters, for an aggregate total of 19% across all participating precincts.

Each precinct will receive three to five e-pollbooks (Poll Pads), two ballot marking devices (ExpressVotes), two ballot scanners (DS300s), and five to seven election officers.

Logic & Accuracy Testing – January 13 Special Election for House of Delegates 11th District

Logic and accuracy testing activities for the January 13 Special Election were conducted on the dates below, with only the testing of the Electronic Pollbooks on January 11 remaining.

Early Voting Satellites and Election Day Polling Places – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices
Location: Morrissette Operations Center**,** 8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152
Starts: Monday, December 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners
Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 339, Fairfax, VA 22035
Date: January 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Pollbooks and Ballot-on-Demand Equipment:

- **Early Voting Satellite – Ballot-on-Demand for the Government Center:**
  December 29 at 1:00 p.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)
- **Early Voting Satellites – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  December 29 at 1:00 p.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)
- **Early Voting Satellite – Ballot-on-Demand for Jim Scott Community Center:**
  December 29 at 9:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- **Election Day – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  January 11 at 9:00 a.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)

Logic & Accuracy Testing – January 20 Special Election for House of Delegates 17th District

Logic and accuracy testing activities for the January 20 Special Election are being 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
Date: January 6 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
Dates: January 7 – 8 (or until complete) at 8:00 a.m.

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners
Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 339, Fairfax, VA 22035
Date: January 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Pollbooks and Ballot-on-Demand Equipment:

- **Early Voting Satellites – Ballot-on-Demand for the Government Center and Franconia Governmental Center:**
  January 6 at 9:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- **Early Voting Satellites – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  January 6 at 1:00 p.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)
- **Election Day – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  January 18 at 9:00 a.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)

Logic & Accuracy Testing – March 3 Special Election for Braddock District School Board Member

Logic and accuracy testing activities for the March 3 Special Election 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
Date: January 8 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
Dates: January 27 - 28 (or until complete) at 8:00 a.m.

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners
Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 339, Fairfax, VA 22035
Date: February 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Electronic Pollbooks and Ballot-on-Demand Equipment:

- **Early Voting Satellites – Ballot-on-Demand for the Government Center and Burke Centre Library:**
  January 8 at 9:00 a.m. (Morrissette Operations Center)
- **Early Voting Satellites – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  January 8 at 1:00 p.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)
- **Election Day – Electronic Pollbooks:**
  March 1 at 9:00 a.m. (Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 251)

Office Personnel

Ravi Udeshi, Deputy Director for Election Administration, accepted a new election position in California and his last day with our office was December 30. We will not fill this Deputy Director position in the near future, but we are recruiting for an Election Manager, which was Ravi's previous position.

Liliana Layton, previously the Language Access Assistant-Spanish Coordinator for the Supreme Court of Virginia at the Loudoun County Courthouse, successfully competed for the Language Accessibility Coordinator position, and started in that position effective 11/17/2025.

We are conducting the interview process to recruit for the Electoral Board/ADA/Polling Place Coordinator position.

VFOIA and NVRA

We received 20 VFOIA requests and 8 NVRA requests since the October 23, 2025, Electoral Board meeting, bringing the total in 2025 to 71 VFOIA requests and 29 NVRA requests.

Communications and Outreach

Division staff fielded a wide range of information requests from the public, media, and county stakeholders regarding the November General and December Special elections. These requests included responses to voter concerns, updating election information postings and media voter guides, and sharing election results with local and national publications. In collaboration with Fairfax County's Office of Public Affairs (OPA), we circulated individual election details through NewsCenter and provided live, on-camera and written comments to more than seven local/national and three international media outlets. Additionally, our joint team regularly posted important election deadlines and noted significant election activities on the Fairfax County website and associated social media platforms. These efforts are all part of our commitment to ensuring that accurate and up-to-date election information is available and accessible to county voters.

In preparation for the three upcoming special elections, staff drafted Special Election notices for voters in the 11th and 17th House of Delegates' districts and the Braddock district. The postcards include key election dates and remind voters to visit our website for the most current information. We worked with our local print services provider to produce and mail the notices for delivery before the first day of each early voting period.

Finally, in preparation for the start of the 2026 General Assembly Session on January 14, we are reviewing pre-filed elections-related legislation.