



County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: May 13, 2026

TO: Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board
Megan 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 May 14, 2026, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

| Registered Voters | As of 4/1 | As of 4/30 | Change from 4/1 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Active Registered Voters | 743,635 | 747,949 | +4,314 |
| Inactive Registered Voters | 68,909 | 67,249 | -1,660 |
| Total | 812,544 | 815,198 | +2,654 |

| Active Voter Registration Subtractions (cancellations and transfers out) | 4/1 to 4/30 | Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 4/30) |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Deceased (multiple sources) ¹ | 288 | 1,890 |
| Out-of-State (multiple sources) ² | 341 | 2,814 |
| Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT) | 49 | 139 |
| Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court) | 4 | 16 |
| Felony Conviction (from ELECT) | 24 | 72 |
| Voter Request (paper form from voter) | 58 | 282 |
| Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA | 2,691 | 6,623 |
| Other Subtractions (administrative error, other) | 4 | 13 |
| Total Cancellations and Transfers | 3,459 | 11,849 |

| Active Voter Registration Additions | 4/1 to 4/30 | Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 4/30) |
|--|--------------------|--|
| New Voter Registrations (multiple sources) | 3,870 | 10,258 |
| Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA | 2,080 | 5,323 |
| Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other) | 163 | 640 |
| Total | 6,113 | 16,221 |

| Voter Registration Transactions³ <i>(includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)</i> | 4/1 to 4/30 | Year-to-Date 2026 (1/1 to 4/30) |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Online DMV (from ELECT) | 19,047 | 69,695 |
| Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT) | 5,685 | 10,500 |
| Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT) | 223 | 411 |
| Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office) | 293 | 1,643 |
| Va. Paper Form In Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations) | 678 | 848 |
| Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office) | 236 | 523 |
| Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources) | 88 | 364 |
| National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office) | 169 | 299 |
| Same Day Registration (office or voting locations) | 2,305 | 2,328 |
| Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form) | 64 | 1,308 |
| Public Assistance, Disability Offices | 0 | 0 |
| Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration) | 491 | 2,489 |

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)



Virginia Supreme Court Ruling - April 21 Special Election

The Virginia Supreme Court issued a ruling on May 8 that voids the April 21 Redistricting Referendum Special Election, so no changes will be made to congressional district boundaries. The primary election will be held August 4 as scheduled, and the May 26 filing deadline for the U.S. House of Representatives is still in effect. Ballots and other election materials are being retained as required for elections. Because the state board has not certified the election, the status of the results on the state's website and ours will remain "unofficial."

Provisional Ballots - April 21 Special Election

For the April 21 special election, we received 2,305 SDRs and 1,241 non-SDRs for a total of 3,546. Of these, 3,416 were accepted by the Electoral Board. The number received of each type of provisional ballot was about half of what we received in November 2025.

Polling Place Changes

On May 5, 2026, the Board of Supervisors approved the following precinct and polling place changes:

- The polling place for Holmes precinct has been relocated to Bailey's Elementary School, where it will co-locate with Tripps precinct.
- The Franconia Governmental Center, which serves as a voter satellite office, has relocated to its new facility at 7130 Silver Lake Boulevard, Alexandria.

Early In-Person Voting – August 4 Primary Election

Early voting for the August 4, 2026, Primary Election will start on Thursday, June 18 at three locations: Fairfax County Government Center, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center and North County Governmental Center. An additional 13 early voting locations will open on Saturday, July 25. 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.

There will be two Saturdays of early voting, July 25 and August 1, and all locations will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. There will be **two** Sundays of early voting, as required by new legislation effective July 1. Fairfax County Government Center, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center and North County Governmental Center will be open on Sunday, July 19 from 12 pm to 5 pm. All locations will be open Sunday, July 26 from 12 pm to 5 pm.

Early voting will be closed for two federal holidays: Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth) and Friday, July 3 (Fourth of July holiday observed).

Early voting ends on Saturday, August 1.



Absentee by Mail Requests – August 4 Primary Election

As of May 8, 10,179 permanent absentee ballot applications have been approved for the August 4 Republican Primary and 44,635, permanent absentee ballot applications have been approved for the August 4 Democratic Primary.

The following absentee ballot applications were processed in the month of April for the August 4 Republican Primary:

| One Time (SBE 701) | Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P) | Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C) | Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA) | Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 30 | 121 | 1 | 23 | 175 |

The following absentee ballot applications were processed in the month of April for the August 4 Democratic Primary:

| One Time (SBE 701) | Permanent Absentee (SBE 703.1P) | Permanent Absentee change (SBE 703.1C) | Overseas & Military Voters (FPCA) | Total |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 120 | 487 | 1 | 129 | 736 |

Election Officers – August 4 Primary Election

For the August 4 Primary Election, we have begun gathering availability from over 5,400 active election officers, 3,803 of whom are up to date on required training for this oath term.

The application deadline for new officers to serve in this election is July 1. There will be five weeks of paperwork appointments to onboard applicants, supporting up to 300 new election officers. Training classes for new election officers will be ongoing, and all applicants will have the opportunity to submit their availability to serve in the August primary election as well as to sign up for training. Assignments will be made and be confirmed by no later than July 14.

Election Officer Training – August 4 Primary Election

Training for Election Officers will begin the week of June 8 and conclude on July 24. The majority of training will be geared towards New Election Officers. We will also provide several New Equipment Trainings, Closing Workshops, and Chief Workshops.



Logic & Accuracy Testing – August 4 Primary Election

Logic and Accuracy testing for the August 4, 2026 Primary 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

Starts: Monday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Ends: Wednesday, June 10 or when testing is complete

Election Day Polling Places – Ballot Scanners and Ballot Marking Devices

Location: Morrissette Operations Center, 8600-UA Morrissette Dr., Springfield, VA 22152

Starts: Monday, July 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Ends: Tuesday, July 14 or when testing is complete

Absentee Mail – High-Speed Ballot Scanners

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035

Date: Wednesday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

Office Personnel

The office is currently recruiting to fill three vacant positions: Election Training & Operations Manager (MA II); Voter and Candidate Services Manager (MA III); and Elections IT Manager (BA IV).

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received 12 VFOIA requests and one NVRA request since the April 9, 2026 Electoral Board Meeting, bringing the total this year to 37 VFOIA requests and eight NVRA requests.

Communications and Outreach

As the April 21 Special Election concluded, Communications team members provided election information updates, responded to public information requests, answered voter concerns, and shared election results with assistance from the Voter Services Division and the county's Office of Public Affairs (OPA). Election status updates from the Virginia Department of Elections were shared on our office website and provided to voters who called in through our public access number. Additionally, staff shared these updates with the election officer team and drafted responses to special election-specific questions from county election officers.

Staff supported an inaugural office visit from Virginia Department of Elections Commissioner Steve Koski on April 10. Commissioner Koski took a tour of the office, visited the government center early voting location, and presented his planned approach for his new position. Office staff had the opportunity to share their perspectives on registration processing and election administration.



Outreach team members Bonnie McCloskey and Lori Poling were excited to represent our office at the Sully District's 35th Birthday Party, hosted by Supervisor Kathy Smith, on May 2. During the community event, staff provided information on voter registration, absentee and early voting, and the opportunity to work at a polling location. Attendees included several current election officers, two newly registered county voters, and a former high school page.

Responding to a request from Lewis High School, our outreach manager and a rover from our voting equipment team visited with three Government classes on May 8. The team discussed elections in general, voting methods, and gave a hands-on demonstration of our accessible voting equipment.

Upon invitation, the General Registrar and supporting staff attended a town hall meeting about ranked choice voting (RCV) hosted by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn on May 11. Following presentations from RCV advocacy group Up Vote Virginia and the Arlington County Office of Elections, the General Registrar shared information on the status of RCV in Fairfax County. Office staff were available to answer questions from community members following the meeting.

Legislation

Following April 13, the governor amended 180 bills passed by the 2026 General Assembly and vetoed eight. On April 22, the General Assembly convened to consider the governor's actions, accepting amendments on most bills. For those bills with rejected amendments, the governor has until May 23 to either sign or veto the legislation.

As this last piece of the 2026 legislative sessions comes to a close, staff will complete a final review of relevant legislation in preparation for wrap up requests from the county and ELECT's 2026 legislative review.

Awards

Nine staff members received Outstanding Performance Awards at the county ceremony on May 1. Award recipients are: Tyrone Allen, Yoon Kyung Choi-Lee, Merin Mani, Susan Burnell, Maria Del Sanchez Gavito Leon, Lisa Hogle, Sherry Kirk, Sharon Barrett, and Gabe Mayuga.

The Office of Elections was awarded one Clearinghouse "Clearie" Award and three Honorable Mentions from the Election Assistance Commission this year. The Clearie Award is for our evacuation guides, and the Honorable Mentions are for the Chief Open House, the election day Airtable base, and the asset tracking Airtable base. More information can be found on the EAC web site: eac.gov/clearies



Language Update

In response to the Electoral Board's request, office staff have researched providing ballots in ten languages other than English. A report on their findings will be distributed to Board members at the meeting.

Legislation revising the Voting Rights Act of Virginia includes an adjustment to § 24.2-128 that lowers the minimal requirements for providing ballots and election materials in minority languages to 3% of adult citizens of voting age in a single language minority who are unable to speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process. The American Community Survey is due in December however ELECT is now working with the U.S. Census Bureau to determine impacts to requirements for multi-language localities and will provide further information to registrars.

