MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
January 21, 2026

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in Conference Room 251 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, to receive the election materials necessary to canvass the returns and ascertain the results of the Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Member, House of Delegates, District 17 (January 20 Special Election), Chairman Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Vice Chairman Megan M. Challender, Secretary Kevin R. Pinkney, Assistant Manager for Early Voting William Turley, and FOIA Coordinator Ann Hines were present. In addition, rovers and Office of Elections (Office) staff were present to conduct the Canvass.

Ms. Hanley called the Canvass to order, subject to recess and reconvening, at 10:04 a.m., introduced the Board, and welcomed the Canvass workers. She thanked everyone for their efforts in conducting a successful election. She announced that the provisional ballot meeting, subject to recess and reconvening, will begin at 12:00 p.m. The Electoral Board will go in to Closed\Limited Access Session to consider any voters who might appear to provide any additional information regarding the reason for casting a provisional ballot.

Ms. Hanley asked Mr. Turley to provide instructions on conducting the Canvass. Mr. Turley welcomed the five assembled teams. He explained that the canvass procedures include verification of signatures on the statement of results A and B, the machine tapes, the election officer oath, the page oath and evaluation form, and the ballot receipt. The compensation sheet, the voter count worksheet, the closing numbers worksheet, the results worksheet, and the Chief's Notes must be returned and completed. The canvass teams must ensure the accurate completion of the statement of results (SOR) including verifying that all tapes are properly attached in the correct order and that they match the SOR and the ERM (Election Results Management-ElectionWare) reports. Corrections should be made in red. The information from the Canvass Worksheet will be entered into the canvass team's administrative tablet. Progress towards completion of the canvass will be reflected on the large flat screen. Once these steps are completed, election administration staff will then review the election documents. Any issues or problems regarding the Canvass should be brought to the Board, and any polling place concerns should be reported to the Clerk. The Chief's Notes will be set aside for Board review.

Mr. Pinkney moved to approve the agenda, and the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Staff reported that there will be **27** provisional ballots to adjudicate.

The Canvass of the precinct and early voting satellite offices concluded at 11:22 a.m.

At 12:00 p.m. the Electoral Board convened the provisional part of the canvass as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653(B) to allow voters casting provisional ballots in the January 13 Special Election to present any information that might prove they are qualified, registered voters in the precinct where they cast their provisional ballot. There were no provisional

voters. There were no authorized representatives. The Board closed the part of the provisional meeting that allows provisional voters to appear in person.

At 12:05 p.m. the Electoral Board recessed the Canvass until Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Due to inclement weather that necessitated closing county government on Monday, January 26 and Tuesday, January 27, the CAP canvass and provisional ballot adjudication part of the Canvass was rescheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. The agenda was updated and posted accordingly.

Thursday, January 29, 2026
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Adjudication Meeting

At 3:01 p.m. the Electoral Board reconvened the Canvass in Conference Room 315 as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653.

Ms. Hanley thanked the Board and staff for making every effort, despite the inclement weather that caused challenging driving conditions, to appear in person to complete the Canvass.

Ms. Hanley moved that the Board enter a Closed/Limited Access Session for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so. Other than appropriate staff and legal counsel of the Electoral Board, attendance at this meeting shall be permitted for the persons whose provisional votes are being considered with their legal counsel, if present, as well as one authorized representative of each political party or independent candidate as specified in §24.2-653.01(B). The motion passed by a vote of 3-0, and the Board moved into Closed/Limited Access Session at 3:04 p.m. There were no authorized representatives.

At 3:09 p.m. the Board concluded the Closed/Limited Access Session. Ms. Hanley moved that the Fairfax County Electoral Board certify that in the Closed/Limited Access Session just concluded, the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as permitted by Virginia Code § 24.2-653(B), and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Hanley moved that the **27** Provisional Ballots entered as qualified on the Provisional Ballot Log for the January 20 Special Election, be accepted and counted for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. There were no provisional Ballots disqualified for the January 20 Special Election. This record shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass beginning on January 21, 2026. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Extraction and scanning of the qualified provisional ballots were conducted in Suite 315. Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) Canvass began at 3:10 p.m. and was completed at 3:52 p.m.

Of the **27** provisional ballots cast, **27** were qualified. Of this number, **7** were SDR provisionals. Of the 26 provisional ballots cast, 100% received a recommendation to be qualified and counted.

Ms. Ardalan reported that a total of 4 ID Confirmation Statements were submitted, 2 in early/absentee voting, and 2 in the precincts on election day. During early voting, 2 Affirmation of Eligibility forms were signed; and 0 on election day for a total of 2.

The 26 qualified provisional ballots were extracted and scanned on the ballot scanner. The scanning was completed at 3:52 p.m. The results were uploaded into ERM, and a report was generated for the Statement of Results.

Once the updated results from the provisional ballot adjudication were uploaded and verified in the ERM system, the Board completed the Statement of Results for the qualified provisional voters for the January 20 Special Election.

At 4:25 p.m. the Board certified the results of the election and signed the Abstract. The Abstract, the Election Results Certification Checklist, and a set of voided ballots were sent electronically for review to the Department of Elections. All printer oaths have been received and filed with the Electoral Board minutes and supporting documents.

Mr. Pinkney moved that there being no further business, the January 20 Special Election be concluded. By a vote of 3-0, the Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attachments

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Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman

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Megan M. Challender, Vice Chairman

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Kevin R. Pinkney, Secretary

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