MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
March 4, 2026

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Wednesday, March 4, 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, March 3, 2026, Special Election, Member, School Board, Braddock District (March 3 Special Election). Chairman Hon. Katherine K. Hanley, Vice Chairman Megan M. Challender, Secretary Kevin R. Pinkney, Assistant Manager for Early Voting William Turley, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. In addition, rovers and Office of Elections (Office) staff were present to conduct the Canvass.

Ms. Hanley called the Canvass, subject to recess and reconvening, to order at 10:00 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 into a Closed/Limited Access Session to consider any voters who might appear to provide any additional information regarding the reason for casting a provisional ballot.

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

Ms. Hanley asked Mr. Turley to provide instructions on conducting the Canvass. Mr. Turley welcomed the six 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. No corrections should be made on any precinct document; however, deficiencies should be recorded on the Canvass Checklist. The information from the Canvass Checklist 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 made a motion to appoint 198 election officers (EO) (118 Democrats, 22 Republicans, and 58 Unaffiliated) for a term ending February 28, 2027. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Staff reported that there will be **20** provisional ballots to adjudicate.

The Canvass of the precinct and early voting satellite offices concluded at 11:20 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 February 10 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 meeting that allows provisional voters to appear in person.

At 12:02 p.m. the Electoral Board recessed the Canvass until Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Adjudication Meeting

At 10:00 a.m. the Electoral Board reconvened the Canvass in Conference Room 315 as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653.

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 10:12 a.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 **17** Provisional Ballots entered as qualified on the Provisional Ballot Log for the March 3 Special Election, be accepted and counted for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. This record shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass beginning on March 4, 2026. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Hanley moved that the **3** Provisional Ballots entered as disqualified on the Provisional Ballot Log for the March 3 Special Election, be rejected for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. This record shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass beginning on March 4, 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 10:14 a.m. and was completed at 10:43 a.m.

Of the 20 provisional ballots cast, **17** were qualified. Of this number, **2** were SDR provisionals. Of the 20 provisional ballots cast, 85% received a recommendation to be qualified and counted.

Ms. Ardalan reported that a total of 8 ID Confirmation Statements were submitted, 3 in early/absentee voting, and 5 in the precincts on election day. During early voting, 0 Affirmation of Eligibility forms were signed; and 2 on election day for a total of 2.

The 17 qualified provisional ballots were extracted and scanned on the ballot scanner. The scanning was completed at 10:35. The results were uploaded into ERM, and a report was generated for the Statement of Results. The Board signed the tapes and reviewed the Statement of Results.

Ms. Hanley moved that the canvass of the March 3, 2026, Special Election, Member, School Board, Braddock District is complete with the results of the canvass ascertained as follows: 6,806 votes cast for Tom F. Dannon, II; 3,522 votes cast for Shauna T. Davis; and 25 for other candidates including write-ins for a total vote cast of 10,353, and to authorize the Secretary to sign the Certificate of Election for Tom F. Dannan, II, for Member, School Board, Braddock District. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board 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 March 3 Special Election be concluded. The Canvass was adjourned at 11:30 a.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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