County of Fairfax, Virginia

GENERAL REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DATE: March 11, 2025

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Kevin R. Pinkney, Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Electoral Board
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Office of Elections – All Staff

SUBJECT: General Registrar's Report for the March 13, 2025, Electoral Board Meeting

Voter Registration

Registered Voters	As of 2/1	As of 3/1	Change from 1/1
Active Registered Voters	761,599	762,577	+978
Inactive Registered Voters	37,598	37,300	-298
Total	**799,197**	**799,877**	**+680**

Active Voter Registration Subtractions (Cancellations and Transfers Out)	2/1 – 2/28	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 2/28)
Deceased (multiple sources)[1]	367	992
Out-of-State (multiple sources)[2]	490	794
Declared Non-Citizen (from ELECT)	26	52
Declared Mentally Incapacitated (from Court)	5	12
Felony Conviction (from ELECT)	10	14
Voter Request (paper form from voter)	9	41
Transfer Out to Another Jurisdiction in VA	966	2,316
Other Subtractions (administrative error, other)	3	7
Total Cancellations and Transfers	**1,876**	**4,228**

Active Voter Registration Additions	2/1 – 2/28	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 2/28)
New Voter Registrations (multiple sources)	1,714	4,095
Transfer In from Another Jurisdiction in VA	835	1,814
Other Additions (reactivated, reinstated, other)	305	696
Total	**2,854**	**6,605**

Voter Registration Transactions[3] (includes transactions that result in additions, subtractions, and no change)	2/1 – 2/28	Year-to-Date 2025 (1/1 to 2/28)
Online DMV (from ELECT)	15,651	34,128
Online Citizen Portal (from ELECT)	484	947
Online Third-Party DMV Verified (from ELECT)	26	89
Va. Paper Form Third Party (delivered to the office)	397	863
Va. Paper Form In-Person (office walk-ins, new citizen ceremonies, at polling locations)	8	27
Va. Paper Form by Mail (delivered to the office)	57	162
Federal Post Card Application (multiple sources)	210	498
National (EAC) Paper Form (delivered to the office)	23	49
Same Day Registration (office or voting locations)	0	0
Others (voter card, confirmation notice, update form)	79	176
Public Assistance, Disability Offices	0	0
Discretionary Agencies (BVS, NTIS, Social Security Administration)	515	1,241

[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)

Polling Place Changes

On January 13, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the following precinct and polling place changes:

- Change the name of the Woodrow Wilson Library to the Culmore Community Library
- Change the name of the Bailey's Community Center to the Minnie H. Peyton Community Center at Bailey's
- Relocate the polling place for the Fairfax Station precinct to St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church
- Relocate the polling place for Woodyard precinct to the Burke Centre Library

Voters in Holmes, Baileys, and Skyline precincts were mailed notifications of their polling place name changes on March 3.

A Certification of No Objection for the two polling place relocations was submitted on January 21 to the Virginia Attorney General. If no response is received by March 22, the polling place changes will automatically be in effect.

On January 29, the State Board of Elections granted a waiver to administer Pioneer, Garfield, Penderbrook, and Burke No. 2 precincts as split precincts for all elections in 2025.

FY 2026 Proposed Budget

The Fairfax County FY 2026 Proposed Budget was released on February 18, with $9,487,901 in funding for the Office of Elections. This includes a reduction of $182,750 (approximately 2%) as part of the nearly $60 million in reductions that are included in the proposed budget. This would eliminate one election officer at each polling place for the June Primary and two officers at each polling place for the November General Election each year. If this budget reduction is implemented, staff in the Office of Elections are confident that we can offset part of this through vacancy savings or other cost reductions.

June 2025 Primaries Early Voting Schedule

Early voting for the June 2025 primaries will be consistent with our primary election operations since 2022. Three locations (Fairfax County Government Center, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, and North County Governmental Center) will be open from May 2 to June 14. An additional 13 locations will be open from June 7 to June 14 for seven days of voting. We will have two Saturdays of early voting, but there will be no Sunday voting. Fairfax County Government Center will be open weekdays 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. All other locations will be open weekdays 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All locations will be open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, June 14.

Confirmation Mailing

The Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT) sent an address confirmation mailing on February 7, 2025, to 5,617 voters in Fairfax County. This is part of a list maintenance process mandated by Virginia Code § 24.2-428 and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The registration status of voters who do not respond within 30 days will automatically be changed by VERIS to inactive.

As of March 4, 2025, the Office of Elections received the following responses to the Confirmation Mailing:

Moved Out of State	577
Moved Within VA	10
No Change	23
Undeliverable	656
Incomplete	11
Total	**1,277**

Legislation

The Virginia General Assembly adjourned the 2025 Regular Legislative Session on Saturday, February 22. Approximately 380 bills were transmitted to the Governor for his signature, including some voter registration and election administration related legislation. Monday, March 24 is the last day for the Governor's action on all pending legislation. We will continue to monitor these bills for further developments (signature, veto, recommended amendments, or allowed to become law without signature).

Permanent Absentee Opt-Out Mailing

A notice was mailed February 14, 2025, to the 69,360 Fairfax County voters on the Permanent Absentee Voter list, reminding them that they had indicated they wished to vote by mail for all future elections. If the voter wished to opt out of the permanent list, they were asked to sign and return the attached postcard.

As of March 4, 538 voters had returned completed postcards to opt out of the permanent list and 1,373 mailers were returned by the USPS as undeliverable. The undeliverable mail is processed in the same way as all other mail returned by the Post Office.

Appointment of Election Officers

Election officers began a new two-year appointment term on March 1, 2025. At their last meeting, the Electoral Board appointed 7,132 officers for this term. These officers must complete a new oath form and training to be eligible to serve in upcoming elections. All election officers will be required to train in person to practice using our new voting equipment.

We have also begun our election officer preparations for the June 17 election. Returning officers will be contacted for their availability to serve in late March, and they will begin training in early April. Those interested in serving as an election officer for the first time can complete our online application now at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/apply. We will begin our onboarding process for new officers (hiring paperwork appointments and new officer training) in early April.

Office Personnel

Judith Clardy, who transferred from an election officer to a temporary employee position in the Voting Equipment & Logistics Division in May 2023, successfully competed for the Voting Equipment & Logistics Assistant Manager position and started on February 8.

Justin Knoernschild, who worked as a Deputy Registrar for the City of Alexandria Office of Elections for 10 years, successfully competed for the Election Supplies Coordinator position, and started on March 10.

The vacant Absentee Voting Manager position was converted from an appointed to a merit position and is being advertised in NeoGOV through March 14.

VFOIA and NVRA

We have received five VFOIA requests and three NVRA requests since the February 6, 2025, Electoral Board meeting, bringing the total to nine VFOIA requests and five NVRA requests in 2025.

Electronic Pollbook Replacement Project

The Office of Elections has extended its equipment lease with KNOWiNK through the June 2025 election. This extension will allow the Office of Elections to acquire the latest revision of the Apple iPad announced on March 4, 2025, before the November 2025 General Election.

Voting Equipment Replacement Project

The Office of Elections has begun receiving new voting equipment to replace our previous equipment.

We have received 700 ES&S DS300 digital ballot scanners and three DS950 high-speed digital ballot scanners. With the support of on-site technicians from ES&S and Printelect, we will soon complete comprehensive testing to ensure all equipment functions correctly and processes ballots accurately.

We anticipate receiving 650 new ExpressVote 3 ballot marking devices in July, contingent upon successful certification by the Virginia Department of Elections. In the meantime, ES&S and Printelect technicians have completed firmware upgrades on all our existing ExpressVote devices to ensure they are equipped with the latest software enhancements and are fully compatible with the new equipment.

Additionally, ES&S and Printelect technicians have performed software upgrades on our Electionware election management system computers to prepare them for integration with the new equipment. Our staff are receiving ongoing training from ES&S and Printelect technicians to facilitate a smooth transition and ensure proficiency in operating the updated equipment.

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 February 1 and February 28, 2025, on the grounds that they were potential non-citizens. Of those 26, one affirmed their citizenship after the cancellation. On March 3, 2025, the General Registrar referred the remaining 25 individuals to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Attorney General.