

1 The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held on Tuesday,
2 September 3, 2024 in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building in
3 Richmond, Virginia. The meeting also offered public participation through
4 electronic communication so the remote public could view and hear the meeting. In
5 attendance: John O’Bannon, Chairman; Rosalyn R. Dance, Vice Chair; Georgia
6 Alvis-Long, Secretary; Delegate Donald Merricks, member; and Matthew
7 Weinstein, member; represented the State Board of Elections (“the Board”). Susan
8 J. Beals, Commissioner, represented the Department of Elections (“ELECT”), and
9 Andrew Murphy and Dennis Polio represented the Office of the Attorney General
10 (“OAG”). Chairman O’Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

11 The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the August
12 20, 2024 public hearing and August 20, 2024 Board Meeting, presented by
13 Secretary Alvis-Long. Vice Chair Dance moved *that the Board approve the*
14 *minutes from the August 20, 2024 Public Hearing and August 20, 2024 Board*
15 *Meeting*. Delegate Merricks seconded the motion and the motion passed
16 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

17 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

18 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

19 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

20 Delegate Merricks – Aye

21 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

22 The Chairman opened the floor to public comment. David Witt, Shelley
23 Oberlander, Loudoun County Electoral Board, Virginia Derby Jordan, Orange
24 County Electoral Board, John Kwapisz, Jim Buttolph, Carlos Martinez, Jr.
25 Maureen Draganchuk, Jon Lareau, Joan Porte, Jeff Fuller, Ann Grigorian, Clara
26 Belle Wheeler, Elizabeth Block, Ned Jones, and Erin Joyce addressed the Board.

27 The second item of business was the Commissioner’s Report, presented by
28 Commissioner Beals. Commissioner Beals stated that ELECT has been reviewing
29 petition signatures submitted by third party presidential candidates to determine if
30 they will be on the ballot. The Commissioner informed the Board that we have
31 received over 16,000 pages of petitions. Commissioner Beals informed the Board
32 that the list of approved candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot are
33 posted on ELECT’s website. The Commissioner expressed her appreciation to
34 ELECT staff and the General Registrars that helped with the petition review
35 process.

36 Commissioner Beals stated that for the June National Change of Address
37 mailing ELECT has sent out 151,000 mailers to voters asking if they may have
38 moved. The Commissioner informed the Board that 121,839 voters were marked
39 inactive, 7,439 registrations were cancelled at the voter’s request, and 3,962 voters
40 were removed from the permanent absentee list so they will not be mailed a ballot

41 in error. Commissioner Beals stated that currently there are 6,280,912 registered
42 voters in Virginia. Commissioner Beals informed the Board that 524,821 are
43 currently inactive and following the Presidential Election ELECT will remove
44 those voters who have remained in an inactive status for two Federal Elections as
45 required by law.

46 The third item of business was the Risk Limiting Audit Decision: Selection
47 of Method for Statutorily Required RLA presented by Rachel Lawless,
48 Confidential Policy Advisor. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the*
49 *September 3, 2024 meeting.* Delegate Merricks moved *that the State Board of*
50 *Elections utilize the batch-comparison method to conduct a risk- limiting audit of a*
51 *randomly selected contest for the U.S. House of Representatives this November.*

52 Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A
53 roll call vote was taken:

54 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

55 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

56 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

57 Delegate Merricks – Aye

58 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

59 The Risk Limiting Audit Decision: Vote to Conduct a Discretionary RLA.

60 *This memo is in the Working Papers for the September 3, 2024 meeting.* Secretary

61 Alvis-Long moved *that the State Board of Elections utilize the batch-comparison*
62 *method to conduct a statewide risk-limiting audit for the U.S. Senate contest this*
63 *November.* Delegate Merricks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

64 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

65 Vice Chair Dance – No

66 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

67 Delegate Merricks – Aye

68 Mr. Weinstein – No

69 Vice Chair Dance moved *to authorize a risk-limiting audit for the U.S.*

70 *Senate contest pursuant to §24.2-671.2 (C) (4) of the code of Virginia [and that]*

71 *the risk limiting audit for the U.S. Senate contest shall be conducted by using the*

72 *ballot polling method.* Mr. Weinstein seconded the motion and the motion passed.

73 A roll call vote was taken:

74 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

75 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

76 Secretary Alvis-Long – No

77 Delegate Merricks – Aye

78 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

79 The fourth item of business was the 2025 Locality Election Security

80 Standards, presented by Brandon Smith, Chief Technology Officer. *This memo is in*

81 *the Working Papers for the September 3, 2024 meeting.* The motion was addressed
82 after closed session.

83 At 1:41 P.M., Delegate Merricks moved *pursuant to Virginia Code Section*
84 *2.2-3711(A)(7)(34), that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of*
85 *discussing voting security matters made confidential pursuant to 24.2-410.2 and*
86 *pending threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F), Susan*
87 *Beals, Commissioner of Elections, Brandon Smith, Chief Technology Officer, Jason*
88 *Corwin and Tim Wyatt, VRSS Members, and Andrew Murphy and Dennis Polio of*
89 *the Office of the Attorney General will attend the closed session because their*
90 *presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of the subject of the*
91 *meeting.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed
92 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

93 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

94 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

95 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

96 Delegate Merricks – Aye

97 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

98 At 1:50 P.M., Delegate Merricks *moved to reconvene the meeting in open*
99 *session, and take a roll call vote certifying that to the best of each member's*
100 *knowledge (i) only such public business matters lawfully exempted from open*

101 *meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters*
102 *as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were*
103 *heard or discussed by the State Board of Elections.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the
104 motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

105 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

106 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

107 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

108 Delegate Merricks – Aye

109 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

110 Chairman O'Bannon referred to the fourth item on the agenda the 2025

111 Locality Elections Security Standards (“LESS”). Secretary Alvis-Long moved *to*
112 *adopt the revised 2025 Locality Election Security Standards effective December 1,*
113 *2024.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

114 A roll call vote was taken:

115 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

116 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

117 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

118 Delegate Merricks – Aye

119 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

120 The meeting adjourned at 2:34 P.M.

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Tuesday, September 3, 2024
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