The State Board of Elections ("the Board") meeting was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 in Martha Brissette Conference Room of the Washington Building in Richmond, Virginia. The meeting also offered public participation through electronic communication so the remote public could view and hear the meeting. In attendance: John O'Bannon, Chairman; Rosalyn R. Dance, Vice Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; Dr. Chris Stolle and Dr. Sally Hudson, members represented the State Board of Elections ("the Board"). Steven Koski, Commissioner, and Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner represented the Department of Elections ("ELECT"), and Ajay P. Saini represented the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"); attended the meeting electronically. Chairman O'Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

The first item of business was the Approval of the minutes from the June 30, 2026 and August 4, 2026 Board Meetings. Dr. Stolle moved *to approve of the minutes as distributed and presented.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

Chairman O'Bannon opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was given.

The next item of business was the Commissioner's Report, presented by Commissioner Koski. Commissioner Koski expressed his appreciation to the Electoral Boards ("EB"), General Registrars ("GR"), and the Election Poll workers for a conducting a smooth election. The Commissioner stated that ELECT has had a bifurcated candidate filing because of the shifted August primary and ELECT has done a great job of adjusting and being resourceful. Commissioner Koski advised the Board that ELECT has a quick turnaround to prepare for early voting in September. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation to ELECT staff for guiding the localities during this process.

Commissioner Koski informed the Board that two items on the agenda related to the removal of EB members and GR's were passed during the last Legislative Session. The Commissioner stated that ELECT was directed to prepare procedures for the removal. Commissioner Koski advised the Board that the legislation gives removal authority to the EB members and the Board. The

Commissioner informed the Board that ELECT has received comments and additional information. Commissioner Koski recommended that the Board defer the two removal polices until the September 15th Board meeting.

The next item of business was the Certification of August 4, 2026 Primary Election, presented by John Cronin, Election Services Manager. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Dr. Stolle stated after reviewing the Abstracts of Votes Cast in the 2026 August Primary Elections, I move *that the Board certify the statements to be correct and declare the winners of each primary to be that party's nominee for the November 3, 2026 General Election.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

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The next item of business was the Party Abbreviation, presented by John Cronin, Election Service Manager. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance moved *that the Board approve the party abbreviations as presented by staff for general and special elections being held through June 30, 2027.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Party Ballot Order Drawing, presented by John Cornin, Election Services Manager. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance conducted the drawing for "political parties" order. The ballot order is as follows:

1. Democratic
2. Republican

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Vice Chair Dance conducted the drawing for "recognized parties" order. The ballot order as follows:

3. Green
4. Libertarian

Dr. Stolle moved *that the Board approve the party abbreviations as presented by staff for general and special elections being held through June 30, 2027.* Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Hart VVGS 2.0 Vanguard 1.0 Certification, presented by Londo Andrews, Voting Systems Security Manager. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance moved *that the Board certify the use of Hart InterCivic Inc., voting system -*

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Verity Vanguard 1.0, in elections in the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to the State Certification of Voting Systems: Requirements and Procedures. Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Risk Limiting Audit Decision: Selection of methods for the Statutorily Required RLA and Setting the Risk Limit for the November 2026 Risk Limiting Audits presented by Claire Scott, ELECT Policy Analyst. *These memos are in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Secretary Alvis-Long moved *that the State Board of Elections utilize the batch-comparison method to conduct a risk limiting audit for a randomly selected U.S. House of Representatives race after the November 2026 General Election.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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Vice Chair D Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Nay

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

Vice Chair Dance moved *that the State Board of Elections utilize the ballot-polling method to conduct a risk-limiting audit for a randomly selected U.S. House of Representatives race after the November 2026 General Election.* The motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Stolle moved *that the State Board of Elections set the risk limit to 10% for the statutorily required November 2026 RLAs and for any possible approved RLAs requested by a local electoral board.* Dr. Hudson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

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Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Proposed Amendments to the Risk-limiting Audit Manual, presented by Claire Scott, ELECT Policy Analyst. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance moved that the State Board of Elections approve the amendments to the RLA Manual as presented. Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Regulation of the Personal Use of Campaign Funds presented by, Danny Davenport, Director of Policy. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Dr. Stolle moved *that the State Board of Elections approve the proposed changes to Board regulations*

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1VAC20-90-10, 1VAC20-90-50 and 1VAC20-90-60. Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item of business was the Proposed changes to 1VAC20-70-40 Absentee Pre-Processing Regulations presented by, Danny Davenport, Director of Policy. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance moved *that the State Board of Elections approve the proposed changes to regulatory action 1VAC20-70- 40.* Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

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Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The next item on the agenda was the Proposed SBE Policies 2026-003: General Registrar Removal Procedures by Local Electoral Boards; and 2026-004: State Board of Elections removal of General Registrars and Local Electoral Board Members presented by, Danny Davenport. *The memo is in the Working Papers for the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* No motion was made.

At 1:57 P.M., Dr. Stolle stated pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), I move *that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F), Steven Koski, Commissioner of Elections, Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner of Elections, and Ajay Saini, Office of the Attorney General, will attend the closed session because their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of the subject of the meeting.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

At 2:16 P.M., Vice Chair Dance moved *to reconvene the meeting in open session, and take a roll call vote certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only such public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard or discussed by the State Board of Elections.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

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Vice Chair Dance moved *to adjourn the meeting*. Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

Vice Chair Dance – Aye

Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

Dr. Stolle – Aye

Dr. Hudson – Aye

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

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