

State Board of Elections
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
FINAL Meeting Minutes

1 The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held on Tuesday,
2 August 18, 2026 in Martha Brissette Conference Room of the Washington Building
3 in 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; Dr. Chris Stolle and Dr. Sally Hudson, members
7 represented the State Board of Elections (“the Board”). Steven Koski,
8 Commissioner, and Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner represented the
9 Department of Elections (“ELECT”), and Ajay P. Saini represented the Office of
10 the Attorney General (“OAG”); attended the meeting electronically. Chairman
11 O’Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

12 The first item of business was the Approval of the minutes from the June 30,
13 2026 and August 4, 2026 Board Meetings. Dr. Stolle moved *to approve of the*
14 *minutes as distributed and presented.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and
15 the motion passed unanimously. A roll vote was taken:

16 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

17 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

18 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

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19 Dr. Stolle – Aye

20 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

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

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

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

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

48 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

49 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

50 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

51 Dr. Stolle – Aye

52 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

59 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

60 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

61 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

62 Dr. Stolle – Aye

63 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

68 1. Democratic

69 2. Republican

70 Vice Chair Dance conducted the drawing for “recognized parties” order. The ballot
71 order as follows:

72 3. Green

73 4. Libertarian

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

78 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

79 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

80 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

81 Dr. Stolle – Aye

82 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

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

91 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

92 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

93 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

94 Dr. Stolle – Aye

95 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

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104 Vice Chair D Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

105 Vice Chair Dance – Nay

106 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

107 Dr. Stolle – Aye

108 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

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

117 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

118 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

119 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

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120 Dr. Stolle – Aye

121 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

128 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

129 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

130 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

131 Dr. Stolle – Aye

132 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

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137 *1VAC20-90-10, 1VAC20-90-50 and 1VAC20-90-60.* Secretary Alvis-Long
138 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was
139 taken:

140 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

141 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

142 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

143 Dr. Stolle – Aye

144 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

151 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

152 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

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153 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

154 Dr. Stolle – Aye

155 Dr. Hudson – Aye

156 The next item on the agenda was the Proposed SBE Policies 2026-003:

157 General Registrar Removal Procedures by Local Electoral Boards; and 2026-004:

158 State Board of Elections removal of General Registrars and Local Electoral Board

159 Members presented by, Danny Davenport. *The memo is in the Working Papers for*

160 *the August 18, 2026 Meeting.* No motion was made.

161 At 1:57 P.M., Dr. Stolle stated pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-

162 3711(A)(7), I move *that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of*

163 *discussing pending threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F),*

164 *Steven Koski, Commissioner of Elections, Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner of*

165 *Elections, and Ajay Saini, Office of the Attorney General, will attend the closed*

166 *session because their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of*

167 *the subject of the meeting.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion

168 passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

169 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

170 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

171 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

172 Dr. Stolle – Aye

173 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

181 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

182 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

183 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

184 Dr. Stolle – Aye

185 Dr. Hudson – Aye

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

188 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

189 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

190 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

191 Dr. Stolle – Aye

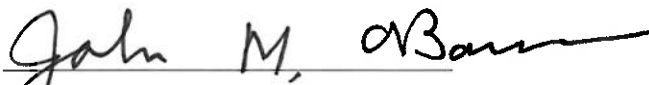
192 Dr. Hudson – Aye

193 The meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

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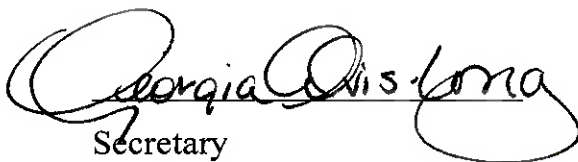


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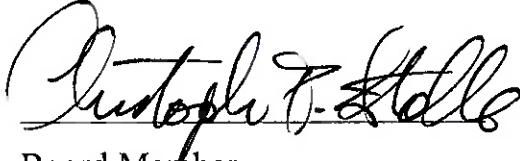


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