



*Louisa County Electoral Board  
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Nancy J. Bashaw  
Secretary

Roberta W. Patton  
Vice Chairman

Cristy E. Watkins  
General Registrar

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### **Minutes of Electoral Board Meeting, January 7, 2026**

The Louisa County Electoral Board convened on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, to discuss events and issues relative to the upcoming current and future election activities in Louisa County with respect to resources, training, and planning.

#### **CALL TO ORDER – Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

Mrs. Eva Schatz, having an assembled quorum, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Mrs. Eva Schatz, Chairperson  
Mrs. Roberta Patton, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Nancy Bashaw, Secretary

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Mrs. Cristy Watkins, General Registrar, Mrs. Jen Stone, Deputy Registrar and Mrs. Jenny Couch, Deputy Registrar

#### **REORGANIZATION OF LOUISA COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

By unanimous consent Mrs. Eva Shantz will continue as Chairman, Mrs. Roberta Patton will fill the position of Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Nancy Bashaw will continue as Secretary.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Bashaw made a motion to dispense with the reading of December 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes and accept the minutes. Mrs. Patton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by rollcall vote:

Mrs. Eva Schatz – Aye  
Mrs. Roberta Patton – Aye  
Mrs. Nancy Bashaw - Aye

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT - Cris Watkins**

- Tabletop Exercise was completed today. 17 people attended. The Tabletop Exercise met the requirements for LESS. It was well received.
- Officer of Election Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for January 21, 2026 (backup date January 28<sup>th</sup>)
- **Possible** Election Schedule for 2026
  - Special Election for redistricting in April
  - June Primary – June 16<sup>th</sup> – Early Voting starts May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Special Election for US House Primary (Likely August if redistricting passes)
  - November General – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Early Voting Starts September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Equipment Update: Dominion has been bought by Liberty Voting. Liberty Voting owns KnowInk which is our vendor. There may be updates in the future.
- General Assembly Session begins January 14, 2026
- A FOIA request was made by Chris Roland requesting all incident reports for elections starting in 2020. General Registrar's Office had records for the last two years which have been provided to him.
- Triggering Events Review: Each item was reviewed, and an appropriate answer was selected.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mrs. Schatz**

- No Report

## **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT – Mrs. Patton**

- No Report.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Bashaw**

- No Report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- November 4, 2025, Election Wrap-up: Due to the sign issues during early voting, the Electoral Board has decided to request the Board of Supervisors to adopt a policy to eliminate the problem. The Electoral Board will provide the County Administrator with a recommendation for Louisa County and the policies of Chesterfield County, Hanover County and Spotsylvania County.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- VEBA Boot Camp – Saturday, February 7, 2026 – Milford, VA (Caroline County)
- VEBA Conference March 23 – 26, 2026, The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA (Boot Camp is the first day.)
- Update from Liberty Voting Systems (formerly Dominion Voting): our equipment is currently up to date.
- Lead Roles and Responsibilities for 2026: The Electoral Board members volunteered for various responsibilities for personnel, procedures, elections, and voter education and registration.
- Policies for review: there were no new policies to review.

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Louisa County Electoral Board will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Louisa County Office of Elections at 103 McDonald Street, Louisa, VA.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Electoral Board commenced closed session at 1:20 p.m. The Electoral Board finished closed session at 2:07 p.m. Security issues were addressed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Patton made a motion for adjournment. The motion was approved by roll call vote at 3:06 p.m.

Mrs. Schatz – Aye  
Mrs. Patton – Aye  
Mrs. Bashaw - Aye

Respectfully submitted

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Nancy Bashaw, Secretary