

MINUTES
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING
08 JANUARY 2026

Chair Wellard called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM on January 8, 2026.

Members Present: Wellard, Harrison, Doyle

Guest: GR McDonald

Chair Wellard welcomed the newly appointed member, Beverly Harrison.

Secretary Doyle moved approval of the minutes of December 8, 2025, as presented. Motion seconded by Chair Wellard, carried unanimously.

GR McDonald presented her report, copy attached. She then briefed the Board on her conversations with ESO regarding the scanner issues experienced in a few precincts during the November election.

The Board reviewed the schedule for both confirmed and potential elections in the coming year.

As required by Code of Virginia 24.2-107, election was held for officers of the Electoral Board.

Duly nominated and elected were Chair, Denise Doyle; Vice Chair, Beverly Harrison; Secretary, Gayle Wellard.

The regular meetings of the Electoral Board will be the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am, unless otherwise changed with appropriate required notices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next scheduled meeting will be February 5, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Gayle Wellard
Secretary

GR Report for Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m. SCEB Meeting

FROM: Lisa W. McDonald, GR

TO: SCEB (Shenandoah County Electoral Board): Gayle Wellard, Beverly Harrison, & Denise Doyle

Cc: minutes

- Welcome to Beverly Harrison, our newest member of the SCEB (Shenandoah County Electoral Board). Ms. Harrison replaces Allie Coffey who served on the SCEB from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.
- GR has completed the Electoral Board offboarding and onboarding process with Shenandoah County HR and IT and the Virginia Department of Elections/ELECT.
- GR is currently placing orders for office and election supplies.
- GR continues to respond to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests.
- There has been a challenge filed by three registered voters regarding the registration and candidacy of a local candidate. A hearing was set for December 22, 2025; however, it was postponed due to the lawsuit filed in the Shenandoah County Circuit Court by his opponent. The future date for the challenge hearing is still to be determined. The three Judges presiding over the lawsuit have heard the case and have given an extension of January 10, 2026, for all parties to submit additional evidence.
- GR attended the VRAV Executive meeting on the afternoon of January 7th. During this meeting the possibility of additional elections was discussed. There may be a primary (perhaps a dual primary) on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. There MAY be two additional elections in the coming year. There could be an election this spring, with April being the most likely time and/or another election this summer, quite possibly in August. There has also been discussion of combining these primaries and possibly doing multiple elections in August. If held in August the annual VRAV (Voter Registrars Association of Virginia) annual conference would have to be postponed until December. This will all depend upon what passes the Virginia General Assembly. These elections would pertain to redistricting and constitutional amendments. This means we could potentially have four elections within this year.
- The budgets proposals for the Office of Voter Registration and for the SCEB have been completed and submitted to Shenandoah County Finance. GR is meeting with County Administration on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Any SCEB member may join if you wish.

Future Planning:

- Mark your calendars for the weeks surrounding Tuesdays, June 16th and November 3rd, and stand by for announcements for additional elections.
- The VEBA (Virginia Electoral Board Association Conference) will be held at the Homestead. Sunday, March 22 through Wed., March 25th. EB bootcamp will be held on Monday, March 23rd.