

## Surry County Electoral Board Meeting Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10.00 A.M- DRAFT

Director of Elections Office 168 Commerce Street, Dendron, VA

Present Board Members Lynita Mason, Ronald Howell, Cheryl Varner  
Director of Elections, (DOE) Sharna' White and members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lynita. An agenda was presented and adopted. Order of the agenda was changed to include a closed session. Ronald made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl. All in favor.

Minutes of April 9<sup>th</sup> were reviewed The DOE requested that the specific names of two officers of elections appointed at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting be removed. Minutes of April 22, 2026, were reviewed. It was requested that the secretary remove the word "significant". With these changes to the minutes, Ronald made the motion to accept the minutes and changes, Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup> all In favor.

Discussion of April 21, 2026, election with focus specifically on placements of party signs, tents. Cheryl suggested and made a motion that the board meet as a unit meeting prior to the next election to measure and mark with washable paint or chalk the 40-foot prohibited area. DOE expressed concerns about marking the area specifically the private (churches) that are utilized for polling places. Cheryl said, if necessary, she could draft a letter to request permission/ Ronald 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

Closed session: Cheryl made a motion to convene a closed session pursuant to VA code section 2.2-3711 to discuss assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries discipline or resignation of specific public officers' appointees, or employees of the electoral board. Ronald 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll Call vote Cheryl AYE, Lynita AYE Ronald AYE.

Certification of closed session – section 2.2-3712D VA Code – be it resolved that the electoral board of Surry County, hereby certifies that to the best of each members knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were discussed in the closed session. Cheryl makes this motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald, Roll call vote Cheryl AYE, Lynita AYE, Ronald AYE

Result of closed session, Ronald moved that per the closed session the DOE is granted the authority to make necessary changes to officer of election assignments as discussed for the remaining elections of 2026. Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup> – All in favor.

Public comment by Robert Chandler – stated he was concerned about the number of errors on paperwork from precinct chiefs: Also requested a written letter from the board concerning his non- appointment as an officer of election.

Other items; In person REQUIRED Officer of Election Training, Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.

DOE annual evaluation will be held in closed session at the July EB Meeting

Election Day Primary August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Early Voting begins June 18, June 19<sup>th</sup> will be the recognized holiday offices will be closed.

Ronald moved that we closed the meeting at 11:56 A.M. Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor.

Meeting Adjournment

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