

Surry County Electoral Board Meeting July 6, 2026 10:00 A.M. **DRAFT**

Director of Elections Office, 168 Commerce Street, Dendron, VA

Present Board Members, Lynita Mason, Ronald Howell, Cheryl Varner

Additional members of the public

The meeting was called to order @ 10:02 A.M. by Lynita

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was held.

An Agenda was presented from Cheryl suggesting moving public comment period earlier in the agenda. Cheryl made motion, 2nd by Ronald. All in favor

Minutes from June 1, 2026 meeting presented. Cheryl made motion to adopted minutes as presented. Ronald 2nd. All in favor.

Public Comment was made by Herman Covey, asking for clarification of 40 foot mark at the polls. The 40 ft mark is from the entrance of the door in an arc. He also praised the handling of last election process but did suggest more intensive hands on officer of election training. Bill Etchison spoke in praise of last training. Ronald mentioned we, DOE/Board/ officers of election cannot fail at election.

FOIA discussion was opened by Cheryl. Cheryl mentioned in her research that a named FOIA officer should be named. Further research is pending.

Officer of election training day July 18th @10:00 A.M.

A closed session was called to conduct the DOE/Registrar annual review and review list of officers of election.

Secretary Cheryl read,

Closed session pursuant to the Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A to discuss assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, discipling,

or resignation or specific public officers, appointees, or employees, of the Electoral Board, involving the registrar/DOE.

Ronald made a motion to enter closed session, Cheryl 2nd.

ROLL CALL VOTE Lynita AYE, Cheryl AYE, Ronald AYE

Motion made by Ronald to reenter into open session, Cheryl 2nd, All in favor

Certification of closed session: Read by Cheryl

The Electoral Board of Surry County has convened a closed session on July 6, 2026 under VA Code 2.2-3712.D. It is resolved that to each members knowledge only public business lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by VA law were discussed in the closed session.

ROLL CALL VOTE Lynita AYE, Cheryl AYE, Ronald AYE.

Results of closed session Ronald made a motion that the follow list of persons be appointed as officers of election for the remainder of 2026. Cheryl 2nd, All in favor.

William Etchison, Judy Etchison, Hall Barnes, Cheri Britt, Sam Edwards, Cheryl Maddern, Cynthia Farley, Zackary Fibish, Mary Herring, Monica Calhoun, Brandice Richards.

For record, Cheryl stated that the annual registrar/DOE review has been competed with proper paperwork submitted to state of Virginia.

Motion made to adjourn at 12:09 made by Cheryl noting our next meeting is on August 5 at 10 A.M. for the purpose of election canvas. Ronald 2nd. All in favor.