

Campbell County Electoral Board

Meeting Minutes

General Registrar's Office

January 10, 2025

Members present: Wooldridge, Raner, and Millson-Martula

Members absent:

Guests present: General Registrar Martin and three members of the community

Chairman Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting.

Reorganization of the Electoral Board

The Board voted unanimously to reorganize for 2025 as follows:

Chairwoman—Debbie Raner

Vice-Chairperson—Don Wooldridge

Secretary—Christopher Millson-Martula.

Voting Equipment

The Board remains desirous of obtaining new voting equipment for the November 2025 General Election; however it will obtain only that equipment that meets VVSG 2.0 standards. While the Board has already had a demonstration by Hart Verity, our current vendor, the General Registrar will contact Dominion Voting and ES&S to determine if they currently offer the needed equipment, and, if they do not, what are their plans for meeting the standards.

Set Meeting Date Each Month

The Board voted unanimously to hold regular meetings on the first Friday of each month at 10:30 am subject to the need to conduct business.

Matters from the General Registrar

Polling place facilities—Martin reported that the County will look into providing additional exterior lighting for the Brookneal precinct. In addition, we will determine if additional lighting is needed at the Morris Church precinct.

FY26 budget—Since Martin’s budget request includes an additional full-time staff position, we may need to attend a Board of Supervisors meeting the afternoon of January 27.

Election official training—We will schedule 2025 training sessions and determine changes to be made to our training program at the March meeting.

Election surveys—Martin reported that she has already received responses from approximately sixty election officials. The responses, while being both mixed and contradictory, have overall been very positive. In addition to this survey, Martin will post a survey for voters accessible via a QR code on the office’s Facebook page. This survey will be updated for each election.

Grants for voter outreach—While neither Martin nor the county’s grant writer has been able to identify any grants currently available for voter outreach, Board members will inquire about their availability while attending the annual VEBA conference.

Virginia Electoral Board Association 2025 annual conference—All Board members will attend the boot camp before the general conference, and Martin and Hurt will also attend the conference.

Recognition for election officials—Martin suggested making pins, T-shirts, lanyards, or aprons available to election officials. Her suggestions were well-received.

Public Comment

The Elect website contains poll watcher training, which the Lynchburg Republican Committee requires of its poll watchers.

The Campbell County Republican Committee will suggest that its poll watchers work a primary in order to better understand their role and responsibilities.

We should publicize the fact that we have a set schedule for our meetings.

Support was expressed for Martin's ideas to identify election officials.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet next on February 7, 2025 at 10:30 am.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 pm.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher Millson-Martula", is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Millson-Martula, Secretary