

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2026

Present:

Linwood Cobb, III, Chairperson, Electoral Board
Yvonne Smith, Vice-Chairperson, Electoral Board
Cathy Woodson, Secretary, Electoral Board
Mark Coakley, General Registrar, Voter Registration & Elections
Anne Marie Middlesworth, Deputy Registrar, Voter Registration & Elections
Leslie Funn, IT Specialist II, Voter Registration & Elections
Yashima Richardson, Management Specialist I, Voter Registration & Elections
Tracy Gray, Deputy Registrar II, Voter Registration & Elections
Wayne Carter, Election Certification Worker
Marva Williams, Election Certification Worker
Audrey Evins, Election Certification Worker
Anita Taylor, Election Certification Worker
Kenneth Toombs, Election Certification Worker
Brenda Mowen, Election Certification Worker
Pamela Embrose, Election Certification Worker
Mary Ann Delano, Election Certification Worker
Joy Jackson, Election Certification Worker
Chip Carroll Jr., Election Certification Worker
Belinda Taylor, Election Certification Worker
Linda Wingfield, Election Certification Worker

The Henrico County Electoral Board meeting was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, to conduct the canvass for the Primary Election held on August 4, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Linwood Cobb III, at 10:00 a.m. in the Voter Registration & Election Office-Administration Annex Building.

At 11:20 a.m., at the conclusion of the canvass, on a motion by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Woodson and by unanimous vote, the Electoral Board went in to closed session to discuss a personnel plan.

Certificate of Closed Meeting

WHEREAS, the Electoral Board of Henrico County, Virginia, has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard or considered by the Board.

Vote

Ayes: Three

Nays: Zero

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of Act should be described)

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Zero

ABSENT DURING Meeting: Zero

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Cobb, III, seconded by Mrs. Woodson, and by unanimous vote, the Board voted to recess at 11:44 a.m. until Monday, August 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. to review Provisional Ballots from August 4, 2026, Primary Election.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nay: 0

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Gene Ward, Voting Machine Technician
Douglas Jones, Voting Machine Technician
Diane B. Valentine, Citizen

The Henrico County Electoral Board reconvened in Executive session, pursuant to the Code of Virginia on Monday, August 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Voter Registration & Election Office Administration Annex Building.

Adopt Minutes from Previous Meetings

On motion of Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Woodson and by unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2026, meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

Linwood Cobb, III

Yvonne Smith

Cathy Woodson

Public Comments

Diane Valentine- Concerned with the frustration of voters when/if precinct changes are made and the voters still end up going to the wrong precinct. Diane Valentine has her concerns even though changes are advertised on the Henrico Channel and new voter cards are sent out when changes are made.

Mr. Cobb stated that the polling place change is a decision that is made by the Board of Supervisors and new voter cards are sent out to the voters to make them aware of the location of their new precinct change.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Cobb, at 1:04 p.m. in closed session to certify the Provisional ballot count.

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Vote

Ayes: Three

Nays: Zero

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ABSENT DURING VOTE: Zero

ABSENT DURING Meeting: Zero

Provisional Ballots

The Registrar's office researched the Provisional ballots from August 4, 2026, Primary Election. Mr. Coakley asked the Board to accept the recommendations for:

Qualified Provisional Ballots:

80 - Democratic counted

28 - Republican counted

Not Qualified Provisional Ballots:

10 - Democratic denied

2 – Republican denied

On a motion by Mr. Cobb, III, and seconded by Mrs. Smith and by unanimous vote, the board accepted the recommendation of the General Registrar and staff for counting the 108 Provisional ballots which qualified and rejected the 12 Provisional ballots which did not qualify.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Vote:

Ayes: Three

Nays: Zero

Nays: Zero

(For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of Act should be described)

The Board returned from closed session at 2:13 p.m. after completing the certification of the Provisional ballot count.

Other Business

Mr. Coakley asked the Board to agree on a date and time for next board meeting as it is required to be posted online in addition to the meeting notice. The board agreed on Thursday, September 3, 2026 @ 10 a.m.

Mr. Coakley presented polling place changes for the upcoming 2027 Election year. Abundant Life Church will possibly be moved to Harvie Elementary School (requested by Roscoe Cooper, Board of Supervisor) and Gayton Baptist Church will be moved to Nuckols Farm Elementary School.

ADA Compliance (Americans with Disability Act) checklist

Mr. Coakley presented the required ADA compliance checklist for all Henrico polling places confirmed by the Voting Technicians for review and approval.

On the motion of Yvonne Smith, and seconded by Cathy Woodson and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the ADA compliance checklist.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

Linwood Cobb, III

Yvonne Smith

Cathy Woodson

Voting Security Plan

Mr. Coakley presented the Annual Voting Security Plan for review and approval.

On the motion of Yvonne Smith, and seconded by Cathy Woodson and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the Voting System Security Plan.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Linwood Cobb, III

Yvonne Smith

Cathy Woodson

Nay

Adjournment

With no further business or good of the order, on a motion by Mrs. Woodson, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and by unanimous vote, the Board voted to adjourn this meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Linwood Cobb, III

Yvonne Smith

Cathy Woodson