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Minutes of Electoral Board Meeting, March 10, 2026

The Louisa County Electoral Board convened on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, to discuss events and issues relative to the upcoming current and future election activities in Louisa County with respect to resources, training, and planning.

CALL TO ORDER – Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Mrs. Eva Schatz, having an assembled quorum, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Mrs. Eva Schatz, Chairperson
Mrs. Roberta Patton, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Nancy Bashaw, Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mrs. Cristy Watkins, General Registrar, Mrs. Jen Stone, Deputy Registrar and Mrs. Jenny Couch, Deputy Registrar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Bashaw made a motion to dispense with the reading of Minutes for February 10, 2026, and accept the minutes. Mrs. Patton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by rollcall vote:

Mrs. Eva Schatz – Aye
Mrs. Roberta Patton – Aye
Mrs. Nancy Bashaw - Aye

REGISTRAR’S REPORT - Cris Watkins

- Election Schedule for 2026
 - Special Election for redistricting April 21, 2026. Early voting started March 6, 2026. The first day 186 ballots were cast. On the second day 188 votes were cast.

- Ballots have been ordered by precinct. More can be ordered if we decide it is needed.
- Mail in ballots were mailed out on March 6, 2026.
- Ballot Collectors on voting day will be the Electoral Board Members.
- Canvas Date and Times: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.; Monday, April 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
- Legislative update. Several bills have been proposed but have not been signed by the governor include:
 - HB 234 – requires ELECT to issue ID badges to Electoral Board members, civil penalty of up to \$1,000
 - HB 773 wherein absentees will have an extended cure date to the Monday after the election. It will be effective 9/1/2026.
 - HB 774 Provisional ballots cure process will be effective 9/1/2026
 - SB 438 Two Sunday voting days will be added to early voting. They will be the 2nd and 3rd Sunday prior to voting day. Effective date 7/1/2026.
- A FOIA request was made for all email correspondence having to do with the special election. The General Registrar provided the requested emails.
- Triggering Events Review: Each item was reviewed, and an appropriate answer was selected.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Mrs. Schatz

- No Report

VICE CHAIR’S REPORT – Mrs. Patton

- Registration confirmed for Boot Camp March 23, 2026.
- Mrs. Patton reported that she has been working on recruiting Officers of Election. Three have signed up to date.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Mrs. Bashaw

- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Signage issue: The County Attorney made some corrections to the policy suggestion. We are waiting to hear if the Board of Supervisors will discuss it during their meeting on March 16, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- Policies/Forms for review: There were no policies or forms for review.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Louisa County Electoral Board will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 2:00 p.m. and will be held at the Louisa County Office of Elections at 103 McDonald Street, Louisa, VA.

CLOSED SESSION

The Electoral Board commenced closed session at 10:47 a.m. The Electoral Board finished closed session at 11:25 a.m. Security issues were addressed.

The Electoral Board commenced closed session at 11:26 a.m. The Electoral Board finished closed session at 11:58 a.m. Personnel issues were addresses.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Patton made a motion for adjournment. The motion was approved by roll call vote at 12:00 p.m.

Mrs. Schatz – Aye

Mrs. Patton – Aye

Mrs. Bashaw - Aye

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Bashaw, Secretary