



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Online via Zoom**

**Theme: Voting Excellence and Building Accountability**

**Attendance**

<b>OFFICERS</b>		
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
President	Wanda Taylor	Present
1st Vice President	Rick Herrington	Present
2nd Vice President	Paul Kitchen	Present
Treasurer	Dominick Schirripa	Present
Secretary	Donna Dagner	Present
Immediate Past President	John Nunnally	Present

<b>AD HOC COMMITTEES</b>		
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Extra Large Districts	Kate Hanley	Present
Membership/Nomination Committee	JoAnne Speiden	Present

<b>DISTRICT DIRECTORS</b>		
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
North Central	Valerie Morris	Present
Northern	Mary Strenko	Present
South Central	Patrick Washington	Present
Southern	Ellen Boone	Present
Southwestern	Irma Mitchell	Absent
Tidewater	Mike Ziegenfuss	Present
Western	Marcy Reedy	Present

<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Programming VEBA Annual Meeting	Jane Hurst	Present
IT/Website Vendor	Joseph Thompson	Present
Legislative Lobbyist	Luke Priddy	Present
Legislative Member	Lynette Clements	Present

## Opening

The newly elected VEBA President Wanda Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, to address the following:

- The VEBA Financial Position and Options
- Revise committee assignments
- Survey Results
- Leadership Reports
- District Directors' Reports
- Committee Reports

## Report from Treasurer

Dominick Schirripa summarized the Treasurer's Report distributed with the Board meeting packet.

### Action Items Requested:

- That the Board adopt a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30 and file a 990/990EZ for January – June 2026, which he will prepare – **Motion carried and passed.**
- To reconsider our decision from the March 25 meeting that included the discussion on contracting Fresh Brewed Solutions as our IT/Web Vendor for a set fee of \$1000 monthly. Dominick Schirripa recommended that we instead have a discussion with Josepha Thompson and more contract specifics, i.e., “a statement of work” along with the contractual fees. **Motion carried and passed.**
- Discussions regarding the fiscal management and coordination of district meeting expenses.
- A debit card was ordered to streamline purchasing processes.
- A free account with Zoho Books to enable us to shift our records from a series of Excel spreadsheets to better manage our finances.
- A UPS shipping account was set up for (free to register; users pay for actual shipments)
- The Board needs to approve the new contract with Legislative Services Group (LSG) with three changes:
  - 1) LSG will staff the Legislative Committee with Luke Priddy serving as Secretary.
  - 2) Proposed 2-year term, May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028.
  - 3) Fee increases: Current \$17,500; Upcoming Year \$19,500; 2027 and 2028 \$21,000. **Motion carried & passed.**

## Revised Committee Assignments

President Wanda Taylor stated that in her excitement and reviewing the Bylaws, she needed to revise the committee assignments.

- **Legislative:** Chair - Paul Kitchen. Co-chair - Dominick Schirripa. Lynette Clements will continue to support legislative efforts.
- **Program:** Chair - Rick Herrington. According to the bylaws – this committee replaces the Ad Hoc committee. The committee oversees the Annual Meeting, Bootcamp, and Training. Wanda Taylor has requested that all Bootcamp presenters serve on this committee.
- **Nominating Committee:** Co-chairs - Past Presidents - John Nunnally and JoAnne Speiden
- **Membership Committee:** Chair - JoAnne Speiden

## New Business

- Josepha Thompson gave a quick overview of the ninety-two surveys submitted. It was advised that she create and distribute an Executive Summary.
- Josepha Thompson will compile all the presentations into a handout that will be placed on the VEBA Website.
- Wanda Taylor expressed for the sake of transparency that we utilize the VEBA website to share information with the EB.
- There was discussion about a way to communicate to **EB's only** within their districts as well as a VEBA mail list of EB members.
- There was discussion concerning Electoral Board members improperly using their GR's email addresses to get VEBA communications.

## Reports from Leadership

- Monthly VEBA Meeting link will be available on the VEBA website.
- The Annual Meeting scheduled for 2027 coincides with Palm Sunday, so the date may require adjustment.
- Rick Herrington is reaching out to introduce himself to the District Directors.
- VEBA Monthly meeting packets – the plan is to distribute these 3 business days prior to the meeting.

## Reports from District Directors

District Directors were reminded to notify Josepha Thompson of the date of their District meetings. She will place all information on the VEBA website. Current status of the upcoming district meetings were:

- **North Central:** No report
- **Northern:** Sent out first email introducing herself.
- **South Central:** First email introducing himself; date set September 5, 2026. Location TBD
- **Southern:** August 21, 2026 - Bedford Visitors Center
- **Southwestern:** Absent
- **Tidewater:** No date set
- **Western:** June 13, 2026 - Augusta County Government Center

## Reports from Committees

- **Committee on Awards and Honor:** Due to limited funding, it was suggested to send monthly birthday postcards to each Board member. All cards will be mailed the first week of each month. The cost involved would be to create and print 133 birthday postcards at the current postage rate of .61 each.

Another idea was for Electoral Boards to start taking pictures during Canvas and training sessions with their Officers of Election. These pictures would be used at the VEBA Annual Meeting and training classes. An photo montage slideshow with music to highlight Electoral Board activities over the past year.

- **Legislative:** Lynette Clements expressed the need to revisit the bylaws of this committee. Luke Priddy shared that Gov. Abigail Spanberger's action on bills was pending late-night decisions and updated legislative reports would come the following morning. JoAnne Speiden questioned the status of HB41 – removal of Electoral Board members and General Registrar. The bill was vetoed by the Governor with recommendations.
- **Membership:** It was suggested that District Directors serve on this committee. Ongoing communication from the District Directors is an opportunity to keep the district members engaged.

JoAnne Speiden inquired about the shared Zoom/Teams account to be used by District Directors and Committees. Dominick Schirripa emailed a memo comparing Zoom Pro, Zoom Business, and MS Teams. It was suggested that we revisit this later.

- **Program Committee:** No report
- **Public Relations:** No report
- **Big 10 Localities:** Kate Hanley reiterated that redistricting must be completed quickly for those sixty-four localities affected. This must be before late June to meet primary scheduling requirements (August 4, 2026).

President Wanda Taylor thanked all for the work being done to build upon the strength of VEBA. Target meeting times 1 hour, 15 minutes. For the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM. Next meeting is May 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Donna J. Dagner

VEBA Secretary