



Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Online via Zoom

VOTING EXCELLENCE AND BUILDING ACCOUNTABILITY

Attendance

Officers		
ROLE	NAME	STATUS
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

Ad Hoc Committees		
ROLE	NAME	STATUS
Extra Large Districts	Kate Hanley	Present
Membership	JoAnne Speiden	Present
Nomination	John Nunnally	Present

District Directors		
DISTRICT	NAME	STATUS
North Central	Valerie Morris	Present
Northern	Mary Strenko	Absent
Southern	Ellen Boone	Present
South Central	Patrick Washington	Present
Southwestern	Irma Mitchell	Absent

District Directors		
DISTRICT	NAME	STATUS
Tidewater	Mike Ziegenfuss	Absent
Western	Marcy Reedy	Absent
Other		
ROLE	NAME	STATUS
Programming VEBA Annual Meeting	Jane Hurst	Present
IT/Website Vendor	Josepha Thompson	Present
Legislative Lobbyist	Luke Priddy	Absent
Legislative Member	Lynette Clements	Present

Call to Order

VEBA President Wanda Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes from the meeting June 8, 2026, meeting were approved as amended.

President's Report

Workgroups

Wanda submitted numerous Electoral Board names for workgroup consideration. ELECT selected members from the list to ensure geographic representation and address topics such as voter registration backend opt-out, same-day registration, and the curing process.

ELECT will be providing advisory materials and meeting schedules. The Board is awaiting timelines and additional guidance.

Keep in mind that many localities have scheduled "National Night Out" on Election Day.

The new ELECT ID badges - In some localities, the GR collects the badges after election day and secures them for the next election. EB members must contact General Registrars for replacements.

The new 2026 Law books will be distributed soon.

Report from Treasurer

The current assets are \$126,043 and three CDs totaled \$54,615.31 bringing total assets to about \$180,659.26. One CD maturing at the end of July with plan to withdraw interest of \$13.00 and restore principal. The other two CDs mature in early 2027.

Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting Financial Analysis

- Revenue dipped due to lower attendance among General Registrars and staff, which accounted for 15,000+ in lost revenue.
- Increase of \$40,000 in expenses resulting from Boot Camp lunches of \$10,000 not covered by ELECT, as in previous year.
- Monday's reception cost was \$30,000 more due to premium menu selections.
- Guest meals charged to guests did not accurately include taxes and surcharges.

Accounting and Reporting Controls

New financial controls including a dedicated comparison tab for actuals vs. budget. District chairs are directed to record and submit actual meeting costs to more accurately budget District meeting line item.

Retainer Agreement with Fresh Brewed Solutions

VEBA approved the monthly website retainer with Fresh Brewed Solutions at a rate of \$500.

New Business:

None

District Reports

North Central

Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2026, at the Cultural center in Goochland County. Speakers have not been lined up.

Northern

No other information provided. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2026. At Path Foundation. Special guests include Steve Koski

South Central

The meeting is scheduled on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Roma's Italian Restaurant in Petersburg, VA. Scheduled guest is Tammy Alexander from Elect to discuss Candidate financing. President Wanda suggested an Ethics conversation be added to the agenda.

Southern

No other information provided. The meeting is scheduled on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Bedford Visitors Center. Guest will be Jamie Finney from Homeland Security.

Southwestern

Absent – no report

Tidewater

Absent – no report

Western

Absent – no report

Big 10 Districts

DOJ Civil Rights Division requested extensive bilingual program materials and let them know that monitoring will occur at August 4, 2026, Primary election under federal Section 203 obligations, which differ from state thresholds. Jurisdictions must show bilingual services including materials, language capable staff, and signage; questions remain about monitor identification, interaction protocols, FOIA, and privacy protections.

Madame President Wanda placed emphasis on District Chairs to provide District meeting information as well as registration and meal selection options to IT/Website Vendor Josepha Thompson for placement on the VEBA News website.

Reports from Committees

Awards and Honor

Chair Donna J. Dagner reminded each District Chair to send a spreadsheet to her with Electoral Board member names, mailing address, and birthday month, taking advantage of the upcoming district meetings. The postcards and labels have been bought. Chair has bought the postcards and mail labels and will send them to Treasurer for reimbursement. Madame President reminded all to capture Electoral Board members in action for display at our next Annual meeting. Examples include L&A testing, board meeting actions, signing the AB reports, canvas, and conducting training sessions.

Legislative

Position packets are currently being reviewed and edited. These packets hopefully will be ready to distribute and discuss at upcoming District Meetings. The Legislative Forum will be meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026.

The Board authorized up to \$2000 for an internal legislative workshop with a limited attendance of less than 25 attendees. The Legislative workshop will meet on July 23, 2026 in Hanover. All were reminded to RSVP to Lynette Clements.

Membership

Conversations were conducted over ELECT potentially requiring .gov email addresses for Electoral Board members. It was acknowledged that local IT constraints make implementation a variable.

The consensus was to recommend dedicated email accounts for all Electoral Board email accounts for election business (not necessarily .gov) to reduce spam and simplify FOIA handling, while recognizing FOIA exposure applies regardless of domain.

We plan to watch ELECT guidance and consider offering training on dedicated email setup at the Annual Meeting.

Program Committee

Planning is underway for 2027 Annual Meeting at the Omni Homestead in early April 5 - 7 (Monday – Wednesday). Keynote Speaker Jamie Finney has been confirmed. Confirmation with Jane Hurst that negotiations are ongoing for hotel and room logistics to minimize attendee movement and improve accessibility for our attendees.

The committee is developing modular training curriculum (EB-101 for newly appointed members; EB-201 for the re-appointed and experienced members.

Public Relations

Website Administration- authorized Dominick Schirripa and Donna J. Dagner as back-up hosts admins to avoid a single point of failure in an emergency. Bluehost has been kept as a recovery choice.

Noted email delivery issues with .gov addresses.

Planned improvements include updated district pages, a shared drive, visitor analytics, and a deadline request for meeting details (preferably thirty days prior, minimum two weeks)

Josepha Thompson will prepare a comparison of email platforms (Brevo, Constant Contact, MailChimp) to build internal targeted email capacity.

Final Remarks/ Adjournment

Madam President thanked all for their commitment to their localities and their support of VEBA and joining this call. She issued a safety reminder for the busy election season and heightened vigilance. For the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Monday, August 10, 2026 @7:00 PM.

Respectfully,

Donna J. Dagner

Donna J Dagner,
VEBA Secretary