



Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monday, October 12, 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	Absent
Membership	JoAnne Speiden	Present
Nomination	John Nunnally	Present

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

District Directors		
DISTRICT	NAME	STATUS
Tidewater	Mike Ziegenfuss	Present
Western	Marcy Reedy	Present

Other		
ROLE	NAME	STATUS
Programming VEBA Annual Meeting	Jane Hurst	Absent
IT/Website Vendor	Josepha Thompson	Present
Legislative Lobbyist	Luke Priddy	Absent
Legislative Member	Lynette Clements	Absent
Public Relations	Randall Casciello	Absent

Call to Order

VEBA President Wanda Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, after a quorum was confirmed. Wanda expressed her appreciation for all the demanding work happening with Early Voting. The previous minutes from September 14, 2026, were approved with necessary corrections.

Report from Treasurer

Treasurer, Dominick Schirripa shared that he plans to review the funds annual conference registration funds and the localities dues reporting to allow us to get more accurate financial data to determine the projected dues increase for 2028. Full board dues will remain at \$250 for 2027; and the approved caps for 2028 are \$335 for full board dues and \$115 for individual dues. The 2028 cap will be revisited during budget development, while associate members will not change. After some discussion, we rejected a population-based sliding scale because it could place a significant additional cost on larger jurisdictions and potentially reduce membership. Revised projections include approximately \$4,000 in interest income and annual meeting revenue.

Unfinished Business

Newsletter and Communications

We approved the first 2-page newsletter for release after the November election in both HTML and PDF formats. Planned content included meeting updates, district reports, a

county feature, and a commissioner's corner. Members will review the staging website, test links on different devices and provide feedback before broader distribution. Initially, the newsletter will be disseminated through the EB distribution list, with current and archived issues available on VEBAnews.org. A subscription platform may be considered later. Further plans include expanding photography and public relations content highlighting board members, electoral boards, district activities, and member accomplishments.

New Business -none

District Reports

In the absence of Southwestern District Director, Irma Mitchell – Paul Kitchen shared her report.

There were no other updates from District Directors.

There were conversations about Office of Election appointments, electronic meeting notice requirements, and training duties following recent election law changing.

It was mentioned that early voting may require additional privacy booths because ballots may take longer to complete with the additional constitutional amendments and unfamiliarity of candidates listed on the ballot. Officials may allow quiet phone use for voter research but cannot offer guidance about candidates.

We also discussed appropriate limits on law-enforcement and federal agents' presence near polling places, emphasizing the need to avoid intimidating appearances.

Reports from Committees

Annual Meeting & Training

Electoral Board 101 materials are still being revised, with pilot testing planned after the revisions. Electoral Board 201 – nothing available yet.

The eastern training is scheduled for Feb. 6 at Meadowdale Library in Chesterfield County. The western training is scheduled for Feb. 13, with its location dependent on attendance projections.

Annual Meeting planning will begin soon and may include a reception, sponsorship opportunities with revised vendor fees. There was some discussion about the agenda timing, ethics programming, legislative presentations, and the schedule for the final day agenda items.

There were discussions about whether registrars should serve as training presenters. While some valued their practical expertise, others were concerned it would weaken the Electoral Board member instructional authority.

Recognition and Member Engagement

The birthday initiative may have to be replaced with broader service recognition and appreciation communications because of privacy and data collection concerns. Members favored obtaining contact information directly from the board members and clearly explaining how it will be used. Potential formats include mailed or virtual cards and collection forms hosted in the newsletter or on the website.

Proposed uses for member information and a process for collecting and storing photograms will be developed separately with Josepha's expertise. The photos of Electoral Board members in action, submitted by localities, will be displayed on the screen during breaks at the annual meeting.

Legislative Forum and Outreach

The next legislative forum is scheduled for Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. Coordination will include arranging the meeting, sharing the link and communicating with participants. The forum will review 2026 legislative activity and begin preparations for the 2027 session using an updated position-paper document. Members are encouraged to build stronger relationships with legislators to improve communication and advocacy.

Membership – no report

Final Remarks/ Adjournment

Madame President Wanda Taylor thanked attendees for their work and for joining the call.

For the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next Meeting Date and Time

November 9, 2026, 7:00 PM

Respectfully,

Donna J. Dagner

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VEBA Secretary