



# Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Monday, August 10, 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       | Present |
| Southern           | Ellen Boone        | Present |
| South Central      | Patrick Washington | Present |
| Southwestern       | Irma Mitchell      | Absent  |

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| <b>District Directors</b>       |                  |               |
| <b>DISTRICT</b>                 | <b>NAME</b>      | <b>STATUS</b> |
| Tidewater                       | Mike Ziegenfuss  | Present       |
| Western                         | Marcy Reedy      | Absent        |
| <b>Other</b>                    |                  |               |
| <b>ROLE</b>                     | <b>NAME</b>      | <b>STATUS</b> |
| Programming VEBA Annual Meeting | Jane Hurst       | Absent        |
| 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.

### **Post-election workload and certification**

The chair opened by recognizing the amount of work still ahead after the election, even though the election itself had been a slow day.

- The remaining tasks centered on provisionals, early voting follow-up, and certification, with several jurisdictions reporting that they were close to finishing.
- A post-election review suggested that operations had been mostly smooth and that many abstracts had already been certified, which gave the group a sense of progress despite the remaining administrative load.
- The overall tone suggested that the election cycle was not fully closed, but the heaviest operational work was behind them.

### **Policy and operational concerns**

- Members raised several issues that required further attention, including polling-place signage, cameras in schools used as voting sites, and standards for secure drop-off locations.
- Signage drew the most discussion, with reports of voter confusion, tension at churches and other private facilities, and disagreement about whether campaign materials could be placed near voting locations or on government property.
- The concerns were not only about compliance but also about practicality since unclear rules could make property owners less willing to host polling places.

- The minutes from the meeting July 13, meeting were approved as amended.

## **President's Report**

### **Workgroups**

- Several work groups were active, including those focused on backend systems, automatic voter registration, provisionals, and same-day registration.
- The provisional worksheet group tied to Elect was still ramping up, showing that some efforts were still in initial stages while others were already underway.
- Members acknowledged the contributions of those involved, indicating that staffing and committee participation remained important to keeping multiple election-related projects moving.
- The discussion reflected a distributed workload across technical and procedural areas rather than a single centralized project.

## **Report from Treasurer**

The treasurer reported that the organization's accounts were in healthy condition.

- Funds from a matured CD were moved into a money market account because the rate was more favorable, and a debit card has been issued to the President Wanda Taylor to support meeting purchases and vendor payments.
- A pro-form budget for the next fiscal cycle was planned, with dues discussions expected later, suggesting that financial planning would continue beyond the immediate meeting.
- The Treasurer's report was approved.
- The finance committee presented an expense and reimbursement policy aimed at requiring pre-approval, documenting legitimate organizational expenses, and meeting IRS accountable-plan requirements.
- The most substantive debate involved mileage reimbursement: some members preferred the full IRS rate, while others favored a lower rate to protect organizational finances.
- An amendment to adopt the full IRS mileage rate did not pass, and the original lower-rate policy was adopted along with receipt requirements, reimbursement procedures, and pre-approval forms.

## **Unfinished Business - none**

## **New Business - none**

## **District Reports**

District directors described active preparation for upcoming meetings, including venue selection, food planning, speaker coordination, registration, and general logistics.

Several meetings were being scheduled across the state, with leaders arranging guest speakers, legislators, and administrative support were needed.

Members stressed the importance of early and accurate registration materials, including directions and meal choices on the website, so attendees could plan effectively.

Remote participation support was offered when needed, and those present from the Legislative committee were encouraged to help with legislative presentations and logistics, showing an emphasis on practical execution and member involvement.

## **Big 10 Districts**

Kate Hanley expressed disappointment in low voter turnout. She stressed the need to invite legislative from both houses to District meetings to share our position on upcoming delegation.

The group reviewed a post-election survey and discussed the difficulty of reporting dual-primary data by precinct, method, party, and candidate.

Curbside voting reporting was singled out as especially cumbersome because it required multiple entries and seemed to have limited practical use, even though the information still had to be tracked accurately.

Members criticized the reporting burden but still acknowledged the need to submit the data correctly, underscoring the tension between administrative usefulness and workload.

The discussion highlighted a recurring challenge in election administration: collecting detailed information can be necessary, but the process may be too complex for the value it returns.

## **Reports from Committees**

### **Awards and Honor**

A reminder to the District Director to obtain birth months and mailing addresses at their district meetings, so birthday cards can be sent. These points showed a parallel focus on recognition, communication, and maintaining personal connections within the organization. We have planned to display photos of our Electoral Board members in action at our 2027 Annual Meeting. Therefore, we encourage you to submit pictures from your District Meetings to share the participation and engagement.

The Treasurer will mail postage stamps for the Birthday Cards to the Chair of the committee.

## **Legislative**

The legislative lead, Lynette reported that the Hanover workshop went well and that the joint commission report on election consolidation was the focus of the meeting. The purpose of that work was not only internal organization but also making the materials easier to share with members and post on the website.

Score sheets from the session were being transformed into a more useful summary that would distinguish between items for lobbying, direct advocacy, and broader organizational priorities.

Members also discussed how to better equip district meeting attendees to speak with legislators and access relevant supporting materials, linking legislative work to local engagement.

## **Membership – no report**

### **Program Committee**

The program committee continued refining annual meeting arrangements, including hotel coordination, breakout room planning, and electoral board training.

A speaker for the annual meeting had already been arranged, and the training committee was preparing to meet, indicating concrete progress on event programming.

## **Public Relations**

Public relations and website work remained active, with a strong emphasis on receiving district meeting information early enough to publish registration pages and supporting materials on schedule.

The website vendor, Josepha requested complete information, such as rosters, agendas, directions, and meal options, and preferred Word-format documents, when possible, to speed up publication and reduce reformatting.

## **Final Remarks/ Adjournment**

Madame President Wanda Taylor thanked attendees for their work.

For the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

## **Next Meeting Date and Time**

September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Respectfully,

*Donna J. Dagner*

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VEBA Secretary