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STATE BOARD *of* ELECTIONS

# BOARD MEETING

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Friday, January 11, 2019  
Martha Brissette Conference Room  
Washington Building  
Richmond, VA  
3:00 P.M.

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**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AGENDA**

**DATE: Friday, January 11, 2019**  
**LOCATION: Martha Brissette Conference Room**  
**Washington Building**  
**Richmond, VA**  
**TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*James B. Alcorn*  
*Chair*

**II. CERTIFICATION**

**A. Certification of the January 8 Special Election**

*Matthew Abell*  
*Election Administrator*

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTE:** During the discussion of each topic there will be an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to discuss an issue not on the agenda will be allowed to comment at the end of the new business section.

All materials provided to the Board are available for public inspection under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act upon request.



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## Memorandum

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To: Chairman Alcorn, Vice Chair Wheeler, and Secretary McAllister  
From: Matthew Abell, Elections Administrator  
Date: January 11, 2019  
Re: **Certification of Results for the Senate of Virginia District 33 January 8, 2019 Special Election**

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### Suggested Motion For A Board Member To Make:

“After reviewing the district-wide Abstract of Votes Cast in the January 8, 2019 Special Election for Member, Senate of Virginia District 33, I move that the Board certify the results as presented and declare the winner.”

### Applicable Code Sections:

- Va. Code § 24.2-679.
  - A. “... The Board shall... make statements of the whole number of votes given... The Board members shall certify the statements to be correct and sign the statements. The Board shall then determine those persons who received the greatest number of votes and have been duly elected to each office. The Board members shall endorse and subscribe on such statements a certificate of their determination.”
  - B. “The State Board shall meet as soon as possible after it receives the returns for any special election held at a time other than the November general election to ascertain the results of the special election in the manner prescribed in subsection A.”
- Va. Code § 24.2-680.

“Subject to the requirements of § 24.2-948.2, the State Board shall without delay complete and transmit to each of the persons declared to be elected a certificate of his election, certified by it under its seal of office... The names of members elected to the General Assembly shall be certified by the State Board to the clerk of the House of Delegates or Senate, as appropriate.”

### Attachments:

Abstract and winner Certificate of Election for Member, Senate of Virginia District 33.

**Background:**

- The Senate of Virginia District 33 seat became vacant upon the resignation of The Honorable Jennifer T. Wexton, who was elected to the US House of Representatives 10<sup>th</sup> District. A stand-alone special election was called by President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Virginia, The Honorable Stephen D. Newman, to fill the vacancy.
- There are two (2) localities in Senate of Virginia District 24; Fairfax County and Loudoun County.
- Upon completion of the election, local general registrars entered all relevant election data into the Virginia Election and Registration System (VERIS).
- In accordance with Va. Code § 24.2-671, local electoral boards conducted provisional ballot meetings and canvasses to ascertain and certify election results for their localities.
- Upon completion of canvass the GRs forwarded their localities' certified Abstracts and, when applicable, Write-Ins Certifications, to the Department of Elections.
- Upon receipt of the localities Abstracts and Write-Ins Certifications, ELECT's Elections Administration team checked them for errors and accepted the ascertained results as presented.

**ELECT Staff Recommendation:**

ELECT staff recommends that the Board certify the results as presented and declare the winner.