

1 The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held on Wednesday,
2 April 8, 2026 in Martha Brissette Conference Room of the Washington Building in
3 Richmond, Virginia. The meeting also offered public participation through
4 electronic communication so the remote public could view and hear the meeting. In
5 attendance: John O’Bannon, Chairman; Rosalyn R. Dance, Vice Chair; Georgia
6 Alvis-Long, Secretary; Dr. Chris Stolle and Dr. Sally Hudson, members
7 represented the State Board of Elections (“the Board”). Steven Koski,
8 Commissioner, and Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner represented the
9 Department of Elections (“ELECT”), and Ajay P. Saini represented the Office of
10 the Attorney General (“OAG”). Chairman O’Bannon called the meeting to order at
11 1:02 P.M.

12 Chairman O’Bannon acknowledged Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner
13 representing the Department of Elections (“ELECT”), Ajay P. Saini from the
14 Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”), Matthew Weinstein, Deputy Secretary of
15 Administration from the Governor’s office and Wanda Taylor, President of Virginia
16 Electoral Board Association (“VEBA”).

17 The first item of business was the Approval of the Minutes from the March
18 25, 2026 Board Meeting, presented by Secretary Alvis-Long. Vice-Chair Dance
19 moved *to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting*. Dr. Stolle

20 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was
21 taken:

22 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

23 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

24 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

25 Dr. Stolle – Aye

26 Dr. Hudson – Aye

27 Chairman O'Bannon opened the floor to public comment. There was no one
28 in person or online that wanted to address the Board.

29 The next item of business was the Commissioner's Report, presented by
30 Commissioner Koski. Commissioner Koski informed the Board that today's
31 presentations include multiple SBYA proceedings, campaign finance appeals and
32 the periodic review of regulations. The Commissioner stated that he was able to
33 visit 19 localities all over the Commonwealth and had many great discussions.
34 The Commissioner stated that it is important to understand the wide range of
35 available resources and context in which these localities and offices operate. The
36 Commissioner reminded the Board about 2 upcoming special elections. On April
37 14, 2026 there will be a local election in Charles City County and on April 21,
38 2026 Virginia has the Statewide Referendum with Alexandria, Virginia having a
39 local race as well. The Commissioner reiterated important dates for the April 21,

40 2026 election. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is April 10, 2026, the
41 last day to register to vote is April 14, 2026, and early in-person voting goes until
42 Saturday, April 18, 2026. If you are returning your absentee ballot by mail, the
43 Commissioner encourages voters to do it right away and not wait and to bring the
44 ballot inside to get a hand stamped postmark. The Commissioner also encourages
45 voters if they are able to return the absentee ballot in person to their registrar's
46 office or to a designated drop box for their locality. The Commissioner stated that
47 voters can find information about their locality and polling places on ELECT's
48 website at elections.virginia.gov.

49 The next item of business was the Periodic Review of Regulations,
50 presented by Nathan Joyner, FOIA and Records Retention Officer. *This memo is in*
51 *the Working Papers for the April 8, 2026 Meeting.* Vice Chair Dance moved *that*
52 *the State Board of Elections approve the Periodic Review of Regulations Report as*
53 *presented.* Dr. Hudson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A
54 roll call vote was taken:

55 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

56 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

57 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

58 Dr. Stolle – Aye

59 Dr. Hudson – Aye

60 The next business item was Stand by Your Ad, presented by Donald Gaines,
61 Campaign Finance Compliance and Training Specialist. The first complaint was
62 against Amy For Sterling who asked for a continuance prior to the meeting. After
63 discussion for clarity Dr. Hudson recommended the continuance until the next
64 board meeting, and absence of an objection Chairman O'Bannon agreed to a
65 continuance until the May 1, 2026 meeting.

66 The next complaint was against Matt Hamel for Commonwealth Attorney.
67 Mr. Gaines informed the Board that one complaint was submitted for one palm
68 card with no box on disclosure. Mr. Hamel addressed the Board. Dr. Stolle moved
69 *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find*
70 *Matt Hamel in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print media advertising*
71 *requirements with regard to one print media advertisements and assess a \$25*
72 *penalty.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed
73 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

74 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

75 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

76 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

77 Dr. Stolle – Aye

78 Dr. Hudson – Aye

79 The next complaint was against Adam Ryan for School Board for one banner
80 with no disclosure. Mr. Ryan addressed the Board. Dr. Hudson moved *to dismiss*.
81 Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A
82 roll call vote was taken:

83 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

84 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

85 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

86 Dr. Stolle – Aye

87 Dr. Hudson – Aye

88 The next complaint was against Friends of Grafton L. Wells, Jr. for one palm
89 card with no disclosure. Mr. Wells addressed the Board. Dr. Stolle moved *subject*
90 *to the Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Grafton*
91 *(Butch) Wells, Jr. in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print media*
92 *advertising requirements with regard to one print media advertisements and assess*
93 *a \$25 penalty*. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed
94 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

95 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

96 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

97 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

98 Dr. Stolle – Aye

99 Dr. Hudson – Aye

100 The next complaint was against Chris Herndon for Board of Supervisors for
101 one banner with no disclosure. Mr. Herndon was not in attendance online or in
102 person. Dr. Stolle moved *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of*
103 *Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Chris Herndon in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by*
104 *Your Ad print media advertising requirements with regard to one print media*
105 *advertisements and assess a \$25 penalty.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion
106 and the motion passed unanimously.

107 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

108 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

109 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

110 Dr. Stolle – Aye

111 Dr. Hudson – Aye

112 The next complaint was against the Suffolk Democratic Committee for one
113 banner with no disclosure. Leslie Rinaldi with the Suffolk Democratic Committee
114 addressed the Board. Dr. Stolle moved *subject to the Board's authority under the*
115 *Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Suffolk Democratic Committee in violation of*
116 *§24.2-956.1 Stand by Your Ad print media advertising requirements with regard to*
117 *one print media advertisements and assess a \$200 penalty.* Vice Chair Dance

118 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was
119 taken:

120 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

121 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

122 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

123 Dr. Stolle – Aye

124 Dr. Hudson – Aye

125 The next complaint was against School Board at Large-Pamela Giovanelli
126 for one sign with no disclosure. Ms. Giovanelli was not in attendance online or in
127 person. Dr. Stolle moved *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of*
128 *Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Pamela Giovanelli in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by*
129 *Your Ad print media advertising requirements with regard to one print media*
130 *advertisements and assess a \$25 penalty.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion
131 and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

132 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

133 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

134 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

135 Dr. Stolle – Aye

136 Dr. Hudson – Aye

137 The next complaint was against Hilary Irons for School Board for one
138 banner with no disclosure. Ms. Irons addressed the Board. Dr. Stolle moved
139 *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find*
140 *Hilary Irons in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print media advertising*
141 *requirements with regard to one print media advertisements and assess a \$25*
142 *penalty. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed*
143 *unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:*

144 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

145 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

146 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

147 Dr. Stolle – Aye

148 Dr. Hudson – Aye

149 The next complaint was against Portsmouth Republican Party City
150 Committee for one mailer with no disclosure. Mr. Ed Lamb, Chair and Rosealinda
151 Dorris, Vice Chair addressed the board. Dr. Stolle moved *subject to the Board's*
152 *authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find The Portsmouth*
153 *Republican Party City Committee in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print*
154 *media advertising requirements with regard to one print media advertisements and*
155 *assess a \$100 penalty. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion*
156 *passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:*

157 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

158 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

159 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

160 Dr. Stolle – Aye

161 Dr. Hudson – Aye

162 The next complaint was against Pryor 4 School Board for one sign with no
163 disclosure. Ms. Pryor addressed the Board. Dr. Hudson moved *subject to the*
164 *Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Leslie Pryor in*
165 *violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print media advertising requirements with*
166 *regard to one print media advertisements and assess a \$25 penalty. Vice Chair*
167 *Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote*
168 *was taken:*

169 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

170 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

171 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

172 Dr. Stolle – Aye

173 Dr. Hudson – Aye

174 The next complaint was against Friends of Lauren Sheridan for two signs
175 with the no box disclosure too small. Ms. Sheridan addressed the Board. Dr.
176 Hudson moved *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-*

177 *955.3, to find Lauren Sheridan in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print*
178 *media advertising requirements with regard to two print media advertisements and*
179 *assess a \$25 penalty. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion*
180 *passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:*

181 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

182 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

183 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

184 Dr. Stolle – Aye

185 Dr. Hudson – Aye

186 The next complaint was against Walter Phillips for two signs with improper
187 disclosure. Mr. Phillips was not in attendance online or in person. Dr. Stolle
188 moved *subject to the Board's authority under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to*
189 *find Walter Phillips in violation of §24.2-956 Stand by Your Ad print media*
190 *advertising requirements with regard to one print media advertisements and assess*
191 *a \$25 penalty. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed*
192 *unanimously.*

193 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

194 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

195 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

196 Dr. Stolle – Aye

197 Dr. Hudson – Aye

198 The next complaint was against ALDO4Sheriff.org for one sign with no
199 disclosure. Mr. Mike Joynes, Mr. Peacemaker’s attorney, addressed the Board to
200 inform the Board that Mr. Peacemaker was deceased. Vice Chair Dance moved to
201 dismiss. Secretary Alvis-Long seconded the motion. After further discussion the
202 Board agreed to carry this over to the May 1, 2026 meeting to get confirmation
203 from Mr. Joynes of Mr. Peacemaker’s death with a motion from Vice Chair Dance.
204 Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

205 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

206 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

207 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

208 Dr. Stolle – Aye

209 Dr. Hudson – Aye

210 The next item of business was the Campaign Finance Appeals Hearing
211 presented by Emily Mynarski, Campaign Finance Compliance and Training
212 Specialist. *These appeals are in the Working Papers for the April 8, 2026,*
213 *Meeting.* The first penalties reviewed were assessed by local “GRs”.

214 Ms. Mynarski advised the Board that petitioner Michelle Rief requested a
215 continuance, and it was granted by the Board.

216 The first penalty assessed by the GR was for Amanda Winter (CC-24-
217 00453). Ms. Winter and Lindsey Williams, GR addressed the Board. Ms.
218 Mynarski informed the Board that a \$100 penalty was assessed. Vice Chair Dance
219 stated pursuant to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has
220 demonstrated good cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance
221 penalty(s), I move *that the State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the*
222 *petitioner.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A
223 roll call vote was taken:

224 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

225 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

226 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

227 Dr. Stolle – Aye

228 Dr. Hudson – Aye

229 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Pauli for Mayor (CC-25-
230 00412). Mr. Pauli and Connie Viar, GR addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski
231 informed the Board that a \$100 penalty was assessed. Dr. Stolle stated pursuant to
232 §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has demonstrated good
233 cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s), I move *that the*
234 *State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the petitioner to a reduce fine*

235 *of §25. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed*

236 *unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:*

237 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

238 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

239 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

240 Dr. Stolle – Aye

241 Dr. Hudson – Aye

242 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Sara for Supervisor (CC-17-

243 00296). Sara Bohn and Connie Viar, GR addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski

244 informed the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Dr. Stolle stated pursuant

245 to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has demonstrated

246 good cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s), I move

247 *that the State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the petitioner. Vice*

248 *Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call*

249 *vote was taken:*

250 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

251 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

252 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

253 Dr. Stolle – Aye

254 Dr. Hudson – Aye

255 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Friends of Carletta E. Whiting
256 (CC-21-01016). Kay Chitwood, GR addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski informed
257 the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Vice-Chair Dance stated pursuant to
258 §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has demonstrated good
259 cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s), I move *that the*
260 *State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the petitioner to a reduce fine*
261 *of \$250.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A
262 roll call vote was taken:

263 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

264 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

265 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

266 Dr. Stolle – Aye

267 Dr. Hudson – Aye

268 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Jarad 4 District 3 (CC-25-
269 00813). Jarad Ford and Lisa Betterton, GR addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski
270 informed the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Dr. Stolle stated pursuant
271 to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has demonstrated
272 good cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s), I move
273 *that the State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the petitioner to a*

274 *reduce fine of \$250.* Vice-Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion passed
275 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

276 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

277 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

278 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

279 Dr. Stolle – Aye

280 Dr. Hudson – Aye

281 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Jesse Dominguez (CC-25-

282 00140). Jesus Dominguez and Jesse Dominguez addressed the Board. Ms.

283 Mynarski informed the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Vice Chair

284 Dance stated pursuant to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner

285 has demonstrated good cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance

286 penalty(s), I move *that the State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the*

287 *petitioner to a reduce fine of \$250.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion

288 passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

289 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

290 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

291 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

292 Dr. Stolle – Aye

293 Dr. Hudson – Aye

294 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Friends of TBird4CA (CC-25-
295 00512). Deborah Fregoso addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski informed the Board
296 that a \$100 penalty was assessed. Vice Chair Dance stated pursuant to §24.2-953.6
297 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has demonstrated good cause to
298 justify relief of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s), I move *that the State*
299 *Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the petitioner to a reduce fine of*
300 *\$250.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll
301 call vote was taken:

302 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

303 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

304 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

305 Dr. Stolle – Aye

306 Dr. Hudson – Aye

307 The next penalty assessed by the GR was for Friends of Tom Bauserman for
308 Commissioner (CC-23-00944). Carol Gaunt, GR addressed the Board. Ms.
309 Mynarski informed the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Dr. Stolle stated
310 pursuant to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, because the petitioner has
311 demonstrated good cause to justify relief of the assessed campaign finance
312 penalty(s), I move *that the State Board of Elections grant relief as requested by the*

313 *petitioner to a reduce fine of \$500.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the
314 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

315 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

316 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

317 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

318 Dr. Stolle – Aye

319 Dr. Hudson – Aye

320 The next penalties reviewed were assessed by ELECT. The first penalty was
321 for Paul Davis For All Virginians LLC (CC-20-00364). Ms. Mynarski informed
322 the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Vice Chair Dance stated pursuant to
323 §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, I move *that the State Board of Elections*
324 *dismiss the petitioner's appeal of the assessed campaign finance penalty(s) for*
325 *failure to show good cause.* Dr. Hudson seconded the motion and the motion
326 passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

327 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

328 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

329 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

330 Dr. Stolle – Aye

331 Dr. Hudson – Aye

332 The next penalty was for Prince William Political Action Committee of
333 Educators (PAC-12-00204). Linda Cook addressed the Board. Ms. Mynarski
334 informed the Board that a \$1000 penalty was assessed. Vice Chair Dance stated
335 pursuant to §24.2-953.6 of the code of Virginia, I move *that the State Board of*
336 *Elections dismiss the petitioner’s appeal of the assessed campaign finance*
337 *penalty(s) for failure to show good cause.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the
338 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

339 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

340 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

341 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

342 Dr. Stolle – Aye

343 Dr. Hudson – Aye

344 3:27 P.M., Vice Chair Dance stated pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-
345 3711(A)(7), I move *that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of*
346 *discussing pending threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F),*
347 *Steven Koski, Commissioner of Elections, Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner of*
348 *Elections and Ajay Saini, Office of the Attorney General, will attend the closed*
349 *session because their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of*
350 *the subject of the meeting.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion and the motion passed
351 unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

352 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

353 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

354 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

355 Dr. Stolle – Aye

356 Dr. Hudson – Aye

357 3:55 P.M., Dr. Stolle moved *to reconvene the meeting in open session, and*
358 *take a roll call vote certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only*
359 *such public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements*
360 *under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in*
361 *the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard or discussed by*
362 *the State Board of Elections.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the
363 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

364 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

365 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

366 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye


367 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

368 Dr. Stolle – Aye

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370 The meeting adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

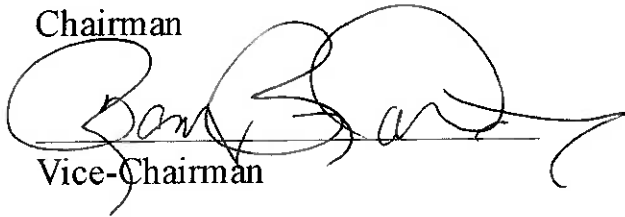
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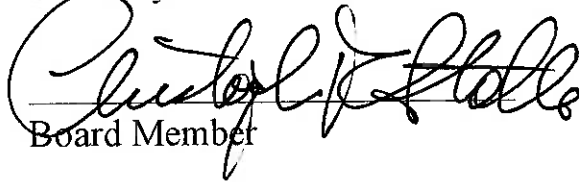
Chairman



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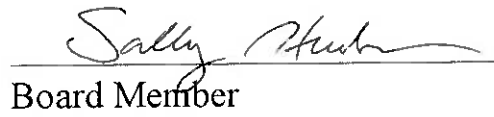
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Board Member



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