

1 The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held on Friday,
2 May 1, 2026 in the Martha Brissette Conference Room of the Washington Building
3 in 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; Dr. Chris
6 Stolle and Dr. Sally Hudson, members represented the State Board of Elections
7 (“the Board”). Steven Koski, Commissioner, and Ashley Coles, Deputy
8 Commissioner represented the Department of Elections (“ELECT”), and Ajay P.
9 Saini represented the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”). Chairman
10 O’Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

11 The first item of business was the Approval of the Minutes from the April 8,
12 2026 Board Meeting, presented by Chairman O’Bannon. Vice Chair Dance moved
13 *to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Board Meeting*. Dr. Stolle seconded
14 the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

15 Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

16 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

17 Dr. Stolle – Aye

18 Dr. Hudson – Aye

19 Chairman O'Bannon opened the floor to public comment. Richard Lister and
20 Wallace Hutchinson addressed the Board.

21 The next item of business was the Commissioner's Report, presented by
22 Commissioner Koski. Commissioner Koski informed the Board that today's
23 agenda includes the continuation of the Stand By Your Ad proceedings and the
24 Certification of the April 21, 2026 Special Election. The Commissioner stated that
25 the Board is unable to proceed with the certification because the State Board of
26 Elections is currently under an injunction that prohibits the certification of the
27 results of the election. This matter is currently pending before the Virginia
28 Supreme Court. Once a final order is given by the court, ELECT will act
29 accordingly. All localities except for Tazewell County, which is also under the
30 injunction, have certified their local results. The Commissioner stated if an order
31 from the Supreme Court permits certification, ELECT will convene with the Board
32 as soon as feasible for that purpose. The Commissioner asked Chairman
33 O'Bannon that this item be passed by on the agenda. The Commissioner expressed
34 in relation to the referendum while awaiting a final decision from the court, he
35 wanted to thank the 133 General Registrar's and Electoral Board's in addition to
36 the officers of elections that made this happen. This was a special election and the
37 turnout in many places was in line with the 2025 General Election and there was

38 lot of interest, energy and enthusiasm surrounding this referendum. The
39 Commissioner thanked them for their resilience, dedication and professionalism in
40 delivering another well-run election for the Commonwealth and the same goes for
41 the staff of ELECT. The Commissioner is very grateful and proud to work with
42 this group and wanted to thank them for their continued efforts.

43 The next business item was Stand by Your Ad, presented by Donald Gaines,
44 Campaign Finance Compliance and Training Specialist. The first complaint was
45 against Amy For Sterling. Mr. Gaines informed the Board that one complaint was
46 submitted for one video with no disclosure. Ms. Riccardi's attorney Tim Griffin
47 addressed the Board. Vice Chair Dance moved *subject to the Board's authority*
48 *under the Code of Virginia §24.2-955.3, to find Amy Riccardi in violation of §24.2-*
49 *957.1 Stand by Your Ad print media advertising requirements with regard to one*
50 *video media advertisement and assess a \$25 penalty.* Dr. Stolle seconded the
51 motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

52 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

53 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

54 Dr. Stolle – Aye

55 Dr. Hudson – Aye

56 The next complaint was against ALDO4Sheriff.org for one sign with no
57 disclosure. This was a continuation from the April 8, 2026 meeting after the
58 Board was informed that Mr. Peacemaker was deceased by his attorney Mr. Mike
59 Joynes. Mr. Gaines addressed the Board that he has verified the death of Mr.
60 Peacemaker and Dr. Hudson moved *to dismiss*. Dr Stolle seconded the motion and
61 the motion passed unanimously.

62 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

63 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

64 Dr. Stolle – Aye

65 Dr. Hudson – Aye

66 The next business item was the Finalization of Stand by Your Ad Decisions
67 from the April 8th Meeting, presented by Donald Gaines, Campaign Finance
68 Compliance and Training Specialist. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the*
69 *May 1, 2026 Meeting*. Dr. Stolle moved *that the Board finalize the decisions made*
70 *on the eleven Stand by Your Ad (SBYA) violations assessed at the April 8, 2026*
71 *State Board of Elections (SBE) meeting*. Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion
72 and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

73 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

74 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

75 Dr. Stolle – Aye

76 Dr. Hudson – Aye

77 1:32 P.M., Dr. Stolle stated pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-

78 3711(A)(7), I move *that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of*

79 *discussing pending threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F),*

80 *Steven Koski, Commissioner of Elections, Ashley Coles, Deputy Commissioner of*

81 *Elections and Ajay Saini, Office of the Attorney General, will attend the closed*

82 *session because their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of*

83 *the subject of the meeting.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion and the motion

84 passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

85 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

86 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

87 Dr. Stolle – Aye

88 Dr. Hudson – Aye

89 1:58 P.M., Vice Chair Dance moved *to reconvene the meeting in open*

90 *session, and take a roll call vote certifying that to the best of each member's*

91 *knowledge (i) only such public business matters lawfully exempted from open*

92 *meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters*

93 *as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were*

94 *heard or discussed by the State Board of Elections.* Dr. Stolle seconded the motion
95 and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

96 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

97 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

98 Dr. Stolle – Aye

99 Dr. Hudson – Aye

100 Vice Chair Dance moved *to adjourn the meeting.* Dr. Stolle seconded the
101 motion and the motion passed. A roll call vote was taken:

102 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

103 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

104 Dr. Stolle – Aye

105 Dr. Hudson – Aye

106 The meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M.

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