

# Dinwiddie County Electoral Board

14016 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841

## **Board Members Present**

Bonnie Gholson – Chair  
Ruth Whirley – Vice-Chair  
James Talbot – Secretary



## **Staff Present**

Stephanie Wray, Registrar

## Minutes

January 7, 2026

11:00 AM

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Present R. Whirley, B. Gholson, J. Talbot

### **2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance were said at 11:02**

### **3. Approval of the Agenda: 11:06**

Upon motion of R. Whirley, seconded by J. Talbot, the agenda was approved as presented.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

### **4. Approval of Minutes: 11:10**

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, the minutes for December 12, 2024, were approved as presented.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

### **5. Reports**

#### **a. Board Members**

Mr. Talbot inquired about improvements scheduled for the Voter Registration Office, to which Ms. Wray acknowledged that they are scheduled to be completed by maintenance at a time yet to be determined.

#### **b. General Registrar**

Ms. Wray shared VEBA Bootcamp dates and locations as well as the dates and location of the VEBA Annual Meeting. She asked the Board to let her know if they wish to attend so that she can take care of registration when it opens.

### **6. Public Comments**

Carolyn Worssam asked if the By-laws were written using FOIA.

**7. New Business:**

**a. Nomination and Approval of Officers for Calendar Year 2026**

**i. Chair**

J. Talbot nominated Bonnie Gholson to serve as Chair for the 2026 calendar year. There was no opposition to this nomination.

**ii. Secretary**

J. Talbot nominated himself to serve as Secretary for the 2026 calendar year. There was no opposition to this nomination.

**iii. Vice-Chair**

J. Talbot nominated Ruth Whirley to serve as Vice-Chair for the 2026 calendar year. There was no opposition to this nomination.

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, Bonnie Gholson will serve as Chair, James Talbot will serve as Secretary, and Ruth Whirley will serve as Vice-Chair for calendar year 2026.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

**b. By-laws Review and Approval**

Ms. Wray presented updated by-laws to the Board with the addition of an all-virtual meeting policy. The by-laws were created by combining the by-laws of the Board of Supervisors and the State Board of Elections. References to FOIA are found throughout.

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, the attached By-laws were approved as presented with the caveat that they may be amended at any time upon vote of the Board.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

**c. 2026 Meeting Calendar**

Ms. Wray presented a proposed meeting calendar for calendar year 2026. This calendar is for planning purposes and can be amended at any time pursuant to notice requirements.

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, the meeting calendar was approved by the Board with the caveat that it may be amended as necessary.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

**d. 2026-2027 Budget Request**

Ms. Wray presented the attached budget request that will be submitted to County Administration and the Board of Supervisors. The budget request includes a contingency amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of a new electronic pollbook system should that become necessary.

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, the proposed budget submission was approved as presented.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

**8. Adjournment**

Acknowledging the next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2026, at 11:00 AM, upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by R. Whirley, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 PM.

Aye: Ruth Whirley, James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

**Submitted by,**

**James Talbot, Secretary**