

Dinwiddie County Electoral Board

14016 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841

Board Members Present

Bonnie Gholson – Chair
James Talbot – Secretary



Staff Present

Stephanie Wray, Registrar

Minutes

February 4, 2026

11:00AM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:00; roll call taken with Bonnie Gholson and James Talbot present.

2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance were done at 11:03

3. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by J. Talbot , seconded by B. Gholson , the agenda was approved with the removal of 8C – Security Plan Update.

Aye James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

4. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by J. Talbot, seconded by B. Gholson , the minutes for were approved as presented at 11:05

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

5. Closed Session: § 2.2-3711(A)(1) Personnel:

- **Interview of Potential Officers of Election**
- **Discussion of Officer of Election Performance**

At 11:06 AM, upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by B. Gholson, the Board went into Closed Session.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by B. Gholson, the Board came out of closed session at 12:00PM.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by B. Gholson, Whereas no Board member has made a statement that was a departure from the lawful purpose of the closed session nor of the

matters identified in the motion, now be it certified that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

6. Reports:

a. Board members:

J. Talbot asked about reservations for the VEBA meeting this March. Ms. Wray said reservations have been made and gave Ms. Gholson & Mr. Talbot an agenda for the meeting. Mr. Talbot stated at the next Board meeting he will present a statement covering "Observers" at voting sites for the Board to review and decide if it would be beneficial at precincts. He also asked about a schedule for the possible Special Election this Spring. Ms. Wray replied that it is a fluctuating situation and she will keep the Board advised as things developed.

b. Registrar:

Ms. Wray said there were many new laws concerning elections that are going through the General Assembly. A Bill for a Special Election on April 21, 2026, is currently being appealed in the State Supreme Court. Others awaiting signature concern requiring Sunday voting in each locality, and extending by three days when mailed ballots can be accepted, although they still must be postmarked by election day. Ms. Wray told the Board that L&A for the ballot scanners – and possibly EPB – would be February 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. On February 5, 2026, Ms. Wray will be speaking at the Citizens Academy, and on February 21, 2026, she will be at the Parent's Resource Forum. On each occasion she will be providing information on the registration and election processes.

7. Public Comments:

None

8. New Business:

a. Reappointment of Officers of Election:

At 13:05, J. Talbot made a motion, seconded by B. Gholson, to reappoint the current Officers of Election whose terms are set to expire February 28, 2026.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

b. Appointment of new Officers of Election:

At 13:07, J. Talbot made a motion, seconded by B. Gholson, to appoint Debra McDonald, Carrie Smith, and Diane Drodgy as Officers of Election.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

9. Adjournment:

After agreeing the next Board meeting will be March 18, 2026 ,at 11:00, a motion was made by J. Talbot, seconded by B. Gholson to adjourn at 13:11.

Aye: James Talbot, Bonnie Gholson

No: None

Submitted by,

James Talbot, Secretary