

BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office
PO Box 535
Bland, VA 24315
March 3, 2026

- Call meeting to order
 - Molly called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. In attendance: Molly Thompson- Chair, Brandon Bitic- Vice Chair, Dorothy (Dot) Kidd- Secretary, and Stacy Tibbs Grady- General Registrar and Director of Elections
 - The meeting was originally scheduled for March 10, 2026. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting was rescheduled for today, March 3, 2026.
- Approve agenda
 - Brandon made the motion to approve the agenda as is
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - All in favor, motion passed
- Approve minutes from 08/18/25, 11/05/25, 11/07/25, 01/20/26, and 02/02/26 meetings:
 - Brandon made the motion to approve the minutes from the listed meetings
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - All in favor, motion passed
- Public Comment
 - No speakers
- Closed session: Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) & Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans

Virginia Freedom of Information Act, § 2.2-3700 et seq. (Code authority for closed session.)

-§ 2.2-3711(A). Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.

-34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to § [24.2-410.2](#) or [24.2-625.1](#).

Brandon made a motion:

*****I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County convene in closed session pursuant to sections 24.2-410.2 and §24.2-625.1 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) and the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans; seconded by Dot.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, Yes; Brandon Bitic, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session start- 10:16 am.

Brandon made a motion:

*****I move, pursuant to the provisions of § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS) and the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.; seconded by Dot.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, Yes; Brandon Bitic, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session end- 10:34 am.

-Brandon made the motion to approve the LESS Remediation Plan for Bland County and to submit it to ELECT by April 1, 2026.

-Dot seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brandon: Yes Dot: Yes, motion passed

-Brandon made the motion to approve the Voting Equipment/EPB/IT Security Plans for Bland County and submit the review confirmation letter(s) to ELECT.

-Dot seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brandon: Yes Dot: Yes, motion passed

■ Registrar informational items

-The majority of officers have responded to their appointments. Three of the officers have declined appointment due to work and/or health issues.

-The office is preparing for the Special Election, early voting will begin on Friday, March 6, 2026.

■ Other business

-Appoint voting machine technician(s) for the April 21, 2026 Special Election and August 4, 2026 Primary Election

-Brandon made the motion to appoint Cora Cagle and Kathy Pruett as the voting machine technicians for the stated elections stated.

-Dot seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brandon: Yes Dot: Yes, motion passed

-Set Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification date/time

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for the voting equipment will be conducted March 3, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for the Election Day pollbooks will be conducted April 18, 2026, beginning at 5:00 pm (EPBs will not be used for Early Voting)

-Set Absentee by Mail Pre-process dates/times

-April 14, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm

-April 18, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm

- Set Electoral Board Canvass date/time
 - Begin April 22, 2026, at 2:00 pm
 - Conclude April 27, 2026, beginning at 2:00 pm with CAP officers finishing the Post Election Precinct tasks (April 24, 2026)

- Adjourn meeting
 - Brandon made the motion to adjourn the meeting
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - All in favor, motion passed

There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary
Bland County Electoral Board