

Franklin County Electoral Board

January 21, 2026

Draft Minutes

The Franklin County Electoral Board (EB) met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Government Center.

Attendees: Kay Saleeby, Clifford Hapgood, and Thomas Siddle (Board Members) with Kay Chitwood, General Registrar.

Call to Order: Kay Saleeby

The meeting of the EB was convened by Saleeby at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes for Aug 20, 2025, and Nov 4-13, 2025, meetings were presented and approved unanimously as presented. Motion was brought by Saleeby and seconded by Siddle.

Clifford Hapgood was welcomed at his first meeting as the new member of the EB.

Saleeby brought a recommendation for reorganization of the Board for the new year with new members as follows: Kay Saleeby, Chair; Cliff Hapgood, Vice Chair; and Tom Siddle, Secretary. The members concurred. Saleeby moved the new organization and was seconded by Hapgood and passed unanimously.

Discussion of opportunities to satisfy concerns by SML-YMCA polling location for Burnt Chimney and the EB. Items of concern include traffic and parking. A future meeting including Bill Cooper, Kevin McAlexander, Andrea Fanzler, EB, and Kay Chitwood is desired in the near future. K. Chitwood will coordinate the meeting. In the concerns of high traffic, discussion included having an officer on site at least during the peak hours of voting. Parking concerns included whether voters would have use of the 20 spaces at the lower end of the lot. The possibility of arranging some sort of shuttle system for people to be able to park remotely then be shuttled to the polling site.

Concerns at Coopers Cove included the use of tape that was too sticky. Paint had been damaged on the door and walls. Floor had adhesive remaining on the tiles after tape was removed. The ramp entering the polling place needs some modifications at the threshold to the door. Motion was made to have building custodians do the paint repairs, ramp adjustment, and removal of tape residue from floor with county paying for supplies. Motion was brought by Saleeby and seconded by Siddle. Approved unanimously. OOE training will include instructions to use only painter's tape.

At 10:27 a.m. as pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 the meeting was called into closed session. Discussion during the meeting was limited to items on the agenda.

At 11:19 a.m. the meeting returned to open session by roll call vote: Saleeby, yes; Hapgood, yes; Siddle, yes. Action from closed session: General Registrar will reach out to Franklin County attorney for further information.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Franklin County Government Center. Time is to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.
Tom Siddle, Secretary