

Alexandria Electoral Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025
9:30 am
132 N. Royal St., Suite 100

Chairman Powers called the February 5, 2025, meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were the three members of the Alexandria Electoral Board (Jack Powers, Bruce A. Brown, and Tom Fulton); the Director of Elections/General Registrar (Angie Maniglia Turner) and a member of the public (Mr. Mitchell Harris).

Previous Minutes

Mr. Fulton moved to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024, meeting; Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Electoral Board Reports

Mr. Brown presented the Electoral Board with the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA)'s approved set of ethical principles and Code of Conduct for Members of VEBA.

Ethical Principles & Code of Conduct for members of the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA).

Adhere to the law.

Election officials have a duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States and administer the law as written, amended, and interpreted by the applicable authorities within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Protect and defend the integrity of the election process.

Election officials have a duty to ensure the integrity of elections and to safeguard against unfounded attacks on the integrity of the election process.

Promote transparency in the conduct of elections.

Election officials have a duty to make election administration transparent to the public.

Treat all participants in the election process impartially.

Election officials have an obligation to treat all participants in the electoral process uniformly and to ensure impartiality, including voters, candidates, citizens, and political committees.

Demonstrate personal integrity.

Election officials have a duty to conduct themselves honestly and forthrightly in all interactions with superiors, peers, candidates, campaign officials, and the general public.

Practice the highest level of ethics and stewardship.

Election officials have a duty to expend public funds carefully and foster respect among employees and volunteers.

Protect the public office.

Election officials have a duty to protect the probity of elections from manipulation for personal or partisan gain.

Advance professional excellence.

Election officials have a duty to stay informed about election laws and new developments in election management.

Mr. Fulton made a motion to move into a business session for the purpose of a vote. Mr. Powers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown made the following statement and motion:

On March 3, 2025, the Virginia Electoral Board Association (VEBA) approved a set of Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct for members of VEBA as numerated below. The current bipartisan members of the City of Alexandria Electoral Board enthusiastically support these principles. The Board is aware that acceptance of these principles is not legally binding on future members as a requirement for service on the Board. Notwithstanding this lack of a statutory prerequisite, we strongly suggest that the General Registrar includes the principles in correspondence it sends to the Chairs of the two political parties concerning the nomination of future board members. In addition, we ask the General Registrar to forward a copy of these principles to the judges of the Alexandria Circuit Court for their guidance when selecting future members of the Board.

Mr. Fulton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Fulton made a motion to move out of the business session and into the regular session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Election Office Report

Ms. Maniglia Turner updated the Electoral Board on the office's registration numbers, absentee applications, and campaign finance reports. Also discussed were the election-related bills for the ongoing General Assembly legislative session.

Closed Session

At 12:38 p.m. Mr. Fulton made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VA Code § 2.2-3711 (34)). Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 1:31 p.m. Mr. Fulton made a motion to reconvene in open session. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Each member affirmed that to the best of their knowledge, only business matters related to personnel matters were discussed in closed session and no votes were taken in the closed session.

Future Board Meetings

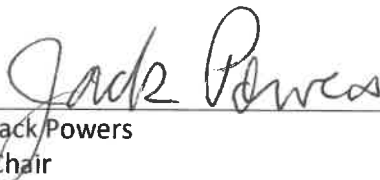
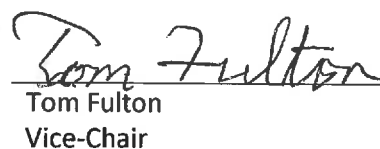
The board scheduled the following meetings:

Wednesday, April 9 – 9:30 am	Board Meeting
Thursday, May 22 – 9:30 am	Board Meeting
Monday, June 16 – 9:30 am	Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18 – 9:30 am	Canvass of June 17 Primary
Monday, June 23- 9:30am	Conclusion of June 17 Primary Canvass

At 1:43 p.m., Mr. Fulton moved to adjourn the Board meeting, Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Bruce Brown
Secretary


Jack Powers
Chair
Tom Fulton
Vice-Chair