



CITY OF STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

SHANNON GROGG
Chair

JASON HOCHSTETLER
Vice Chair

ANNE FITZGERALD
Secretary

September 5, 2025

Members Present:
Shannon Grogg, Chair
Jason Hochstetler, Vice Chair
Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests Present:
Christi Linhoss, Registrar

Shannon Grogg called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

Mrs. Grogg led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jason Hochstetler was welcomed to the Electoral Board.

Anne Fitzgerald made a motion to elect Jason Hochstetler as the Vice Chair. Mrs. Grogg seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grogg made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 and August 22, 2025 meetings. Anne Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grogg attended the Elections Emergency Preparedness meeting in Richmond on August 26, 2025. Mrs. Grogg stated ELECT suggested that election offices have a group communication planned in case of emergency for Election Day. Stakeholders to include Registrar, Electoral Board, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Head of Public Works, and the City Manager.

Mrs. Grogg made a motion to include the city Director of Communications when sending out information or corresponding with the media regarding the election. Jason Hochstetler seconded. Motion carried.

Report of the General Registrar, Christi Linhoss:

- Has visited the retirement communities, Stuart Hall School and Mary Baldwin University. Waiting to hear back from Staunton High. Grace Christian would like a visit in the spring.
- Speaking at Citizen University on 9/9 from 6-8pm.
- Attending the City Council work session on 9/11 at 5pm.
- Going to Library on 9/16 for National Voter Registration Day

November Election

- L & A on September 11, 2025 at 1pm
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025: Election Officer Training is scheduled for at 3pm for Officers and 5pm for Chiefs/Assistant Chiefs; candidate training at 7pm.
- Early voting coverage needed for November 1, 2025.
- Myra will oversee delivery and pickup of machines to precincts.
- Mail-in CAP preprocessing scheduled for October 7 and October 28, 2025.
- In-person CAP to report at 6pm on Election Night.
- November 4, 2025, CANVASS begins at 7pm.

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- November 5, 2025, CANVASS resumes at 12pm.
- November 7, 2025 mail-in CAP will meet at noon.
- November 12, 2025, CANBASS finalized at 4pm.

Mrs. Grogg made a motion to approve the following persons (Vicki Keyser, Erin Hoernig, Eleanor Shaw, Nora Sutton, Christine Vaughan) to serve as Election Officers through February 2026. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.

The Board approved the following Election Officers for the November General Election:

Ward 1:

Chief, Margie Scott
Asst Chief, Constance Oakes
Asst Chief, SDR Daniel Wright
Terry Howard
Candace Combee
Kevin Covington

Ward 2:

Chief, Jason Long
Asst Chief, Debra Fitzgerald-O'Connell
Chris Swanson
Thomas Oakes
Eleanor Shaw
David Klinger

Ward 3:

Chief, Ben Blankenship
Asst Chief, Teona Eriogou
Caroyln Baugher
Laura Pyle
Susan Morris
Judith Szustakowski

Ward 4:

Chief, Nancy Hanna
Asst Chief, Elizabeth Barron
Terry Southerington
Dean Hill
Mary Combs
Rachel Bagley

Ward 5:

Chief, Rebekah Cempe
Asst Chief (SDR), Gloria Campbell
Asst Chief, Jon Grainger
Andrea Barkley
Fara Wright
Howard Kator

CAP Mail In:

Chief, Andy Honeycutt
Asst Chief, Tom Long
Brenda Howdysell

CAP In-Person:

Chief, Shiela Beard
Asst Chief, Janice Machin
Nora Sutton

Alternates:

Susan Palmer	Jon Dalton	John Baylies	Karen Ress
Debbie Pugh	Andrew Clem	Vicki Keyser	Anita Richardson

Next meetings are scheduled for October 3 at 3pm and October 22 at 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board