

BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office
PO Box 535
Bland, VA 24315
March 18, 2025

- Call meeting to order
-Molly called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. In attendance: Molly Thompson- Chair, Brenda Thompson- Vice Chair, Dorothy (Dot) Kidd- Secretary, and Stacy Tibbs Grady- General Registrar and Director of Elections
- Approve agenda
-Brenda made the motion to approve the agenda as is
-Dot seconded the motion
-All in favor, motion passed
- Approve minutes from February 4, 2025 meeting:
-Brenda made the motion to approve the minutes from the 02/04/25 meeting
-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](#).

Brenda made a motion:

*****I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County convene in closed session pursuant to section § 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; Brenda Thompson, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session start- 2:09 pm.

Brenda 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; Brenda Thompson, Yes; and Dorothy Kidd, Yes. The motion passed. Closed session end- 2:13 pm.

-Brenda made the motion to approve the LESS Remediation Plan for Bland County and to submit it to ELECT by April 1, 2025.

-Dot seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brenda: Yes Dot: Yes

-Brenda 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 Brenda: Yes Dot: Yes

■ Registrar informational items

- Stacy informed the Board that the office is starting the tasks/preparations for the June 17, 2025. Early voting will begin Friday, May 2, 2025.

■ Other business

-Appoint voting machine technician(s) for the June 17, 2025 Primary Election

-Brenda made the motion to appoint Chris Sutphin, Cora Cagle, and Kathy Pruett as the voting machine technicians for the June 17, 2025 Primary Election.

-Dot seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Molly: Yes Brenda: Yes Dot: Yes

- Set Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification date/time

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for the voting equipment will be conducted April 30, 2025 beginning at 10:00am

-Logic and Accuracy Testing/Certification for Election Day pollbooks will be conducted June 14, 2025 beginning at 5:00pm (pollbooks won't be used for Early Voting)

-Set Absentee by Mail Pre-process dates/times

-June 9, 2025 beginning at 1:00pm

-June 10, 2025 beginning at 3:00pm, if needed

-June 14, 2025 beginning at 1:00pm, if needed

-Set Electoral Board Canvass date/time

-Begin June 18, 2025 at 2:00pm

-Conclude June 20, 2025 beginning at 1:00pm, with CAP officers finishing the Post Election Precinct tasks (coming in at 12:30pm). If there are SDR provisional ballots, the Canvass will conclude June 23, 2025 beginning at 1:00pm

■ Adjourn meeting

-Dot made the motion to adjourn the meeting

-Brenda seconded the motion

-All in favor, motion passed

There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dorothy S. Kidd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary
Bland County Electoral Board