

BUENA VISTA ELECTORAL BOARD

2039 Sycamore Avenue

Buena Vista, VA 24416

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 5, 2025

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order—Quorum—100% Board Members Present; Dennis Hawes (Chr.), Debbie Garrett (V.Chr.), Steve Baldridge (Sec.), and Emilie Staton (Registrar), and Janet Clark (Deputy GR) – Reference State Law 24.2-1-7
2. Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 22, and 23 of 2025.
3. Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the preliminary canvass of Election Day results from Precinct 1:
 - a. Total number of voters—649
 - b. Ballots cast outside—12
 - c. Ballots cast on machine—649
 - d. Total Ballots cast—649
 - e. For Governor
 - i. Spanberger—168
 - ii. Earle-Sears—467
 - iii. Write-ins—5
 - f. For Lieutenant Governor
 - i. Hashmi—155
 - ii. Reid—477
 - iii. Write-ins—1
 - g. Attorney General
 - i. Jones—141
 - ii. Miyares—493
 - iii. Write-ins—1
 - h. House of Delegates
 - i. Hartless—152
 - ii. Austin—479
 - iii. Write-ins—1
 - i. Commonwealth Attorney
 - i. Elrod—538
 - ii. Write-ins—12
 - j. Sheriff
 - i. Hamilton—320
 - ii. Wheeler—225

- iii. Buzzard—94
 - iv. Write-ins—0
 - k. Commissioner of Revenue
 - i. Beverley—576
 - ii. Write-ins—7
 - l. Treasurer
 - i. Hudson—584
 - ii. Write-ins—5
 - m. Mayor
 - i. Cooper—247
 - ii. Lineberry—386
 - iii. Write-ins—1
 - n. City Council (3)
 - i. Staton—245
 - ii. Henson—142
 - iii. Coffey—269
 - iv. Huffman—223
 - v. Gilliam—256
 - vi. Branch—302
 - vii. Camden—141
 - viii. Write-ins—10
 - o. School Board (3)
 - i. Mohler—415
 - ii. Kerr—437
 - iii. Gilbert—351
 - iv. Write-ins—252
- 4. Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the preliminary canvass of Election Day results from Precinct 2:
 - a. Total number of voters—502
 - b. Ballots cast outside—0
 - c. Ballots cast on machine—502
 - d. Total Ballots cast—502
 - e. For Governor
 - i. Spanberger—174
 - ii. Earle-Sears—321
 - iii. Write-ins—2
 - f. For Lieutenant Governor
 - i. Hashmi—154
 - ii. Reid—326

- iii. Write-ins—1
- g. Attorney General
 - i. Jones—141
 - ii. Miyares—346
 - iii. Write-ins—3
- h. House of Delegates
 - i. Hartless—155
 - ii. Austin—330
 - iii. Write-ins—1
- i. Commonwealth Attorney
 - i. Elrod—393
 - ii. Write-ins—8
- j. Sheriff
 - i. Hamilton—214
 - ii. Wheeler—212
 - iii. Buzzard—55
 - iv. Write-ins—0
- k. Commissioner of Revenue
 - i. Beverley—406
 - ii. Write-ins—0
- l. Treasurer
 - i. Hudson—411
 - ii. Write-ins—4
- m. Mayor
 - i. Cooper—246
 - ii. Lineberry—231
 - iii. Write-ins—2
- n. City Council (3)
 - i. Staton—175
 - ii. Henson—121
 - iii. Coffey—153
 - iv. Huffman—156
 - v. Gilliam—182
 - vi. Branch—229
 - vii. Camden—124
 - viii. Write-ins—16
- o. School Board (3)
 - i. Mohler—260
 - ii. Kerr—299
 - iii. Gilbert—215

iv. Write-ins—276

5. Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the canvass of Early in person voting:

- a. Total number of voters—809
- b. Ballots cast outside—0
- c. Ballots cast on machine—809
- d. Total Ballots cast—809
- e. For Governor
 - i. Spanberger—254
 - ii. Earle-Sears—538
 - iii. Write-ins—2
- f. For Lieutenant Governor
 - i. Hashmi—231
 - ii. Reid—553
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- g. Attorney General
 - i. Jones—217
 - ii. Miyares—580
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- h. House of Delegates
 - i. Hartless—225
 - ii. Austin—566
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- i. Commonwealth Attorney
 - i. Elrod—639
 - ii. Write-ins—9
- j. Sheriff
 - i. Hamilton—448
 - ii. Wheeler—268
 - iii. Buzzard—69
 - iv. Write-ins—3
- k. Commissioner of Revenue
 - i. Beverley—692
 - ii. Write-ins—5
- l. Treasurer
 - i. Hudson—680
 - ii. Write-ins—9
- m. Mayor

- i. Cooper—350
 - ii. Lineberry—416
 - iii. Write-ins—1
- n. City Council (3)
 - i. Staton—347
 - ii. Henson—237
 - iii. Coffey—275
 - iv. Huffman—277
 - v. Gilliam—286
 - vi. Branch—320
 - vii. Camden—196
 - viii. Write-ins—15
- o. School Board (3)
 - i. Mohler—511
 - ii. Kerr—572
 - iii. Gilbert—460
 - iv. Write-ins—183

6. Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the preliminary canvass of mailed absentee voting:

- a. Total number of voters—151
- b. Ballots cast outside—0
- c. Ballots cast on machine—149
- d. Ballots counted by hand—2
- e. Total Ballots cast—151
- f. For Governor
 - i. Spanberger—92 + 2HC=94
 - ii. Earle-Sears—55
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- g. For Lieutenant Governor
 - i. Hashmi—87 + 2HC=89
 - ii. Reid—60
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- h. Attorney General
 - i. Jones—83 + 2HC=85
 - ii. Miyares—61
 - iii. Write-ins—3
- i. House of Delegates
 - i. Hartless—86 + 2HC=88

- ii. Austin—62
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- j. Commonwealth Attorney
 - i. Elrod—119 + 2HC=121
 - ii. Write-ins—2
- k. Sheriff
 - i. Hamilton—97 + 1HC=98
 - ii. Wheeler—34 + 1HC=35
 - iii. Buzzard—9
 - iv. Write-ins—0
- l. Commissioner of Revenue
 - i. Beverley—126 + 1HC=127
 - ii. Write-ins—1
- m. Treasurer
 - i. Hudson—132 + 1HC=133
 - ii. Write-ins—1
- n. Mayor
 - i. Cooper—73
 - ii. Lineberry—68 + 2HC=70
 - iii. Write-ins—0
- o. City Council (3)
 - i. Staton—54
 - ii. Henson—58 + 1HC=59
 - iii. Coffey—44
 - iv. Huffman—48
 - v. Gilliam—52 + 1HC=53
 - vi. Branch—69 + 1HC=70
 - vii. Camden—48
 - viii. Write-ins—2
- p. School Board (3)
 - i. Mohler—88 + 1HC=89
 - ii. Kerr—105 + 1HC=106
 - iii. Gilbert—82 + 1HC=83
 - iv. Write-ins—28

7. Preliminary results of tabulation of Write-in votes for School Board and notice for the public regarding the same:
 - a. Jolley—222
 - b. Cartolaro—203

- c. Roberts—113
- d. Zimmerman—103
- e. Because the voting was so close, the Electoral Board issued the following NOTICE language:

SCHOOL BOARD WRITE-IN RESULTS

Wednesday, 5 November, 2025, 4:00 PM

The election results of 4 November 2025 for the Write-in seat of the Buena Vista City School Board are too close to call at this time between the top two candidates Michael Cartolaro and Charles Jolley. Provisional votes cast on Election Day must be certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia Electoral Board by next week before those votes can count toward a candidate. Also, mail-in ballots postmarked by 4 November 2025 and received at the Buena Vista City Registrar's Office will be added into votes already cast at the Canvass Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Buena Vista Registrar's Office. This meeting is open to the public. Thank you for your interest in the results of this election.

Buena Vista City Electoral Board

By its Secretary, Steve Baldrige

8. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Steve Baldrige, Board Secretary

NOTE: All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (Reference State Law 24.2-107 and 2.2-3707)

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