

Culpeper County Democratic Committee

9-10:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

ASWB Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.
2. Parliamentarian Randy Dunn and A/V operator Jim Restel were introduced.
3. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Marilyn Dunphy, second by Steven Jones
4. The minutes were approved unanimously (Ed Dunphy, Steven Jones).
5. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously (Roger Gorg, Steven Jones).
6. Chair's Comments
 - a. Thank you for stepping up, showing up, for a successful election season. More than 80 volunteered outside precincts on Election Day.
 - b. We have a new female governor and a majority in the House of Delegates. We're proud of Sara Ratcliffe and Jac Bennington. We were a prominent presence on Main Street. We had a big increase in membership to 202 and office staffing five and sometimes six days a week. We gave generously: coats, food, throws, holiday cards.
 - c. The next plan is Walkout Day, 2 p.m. Jan. 20.
 - d. Holiday Party, noon-4 p.m. in the Irish Pub at Old House Winery with Glenn Kirschner on the administration's disregard for the rule of law. \$25. Bring your questions and pet treats.
7. CCDC will dissolve at midnight Dec. 31. The biennial reorganization will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 3 for membership applications. Doors will close at 10 a.m. to re-form and elect new officers.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. VC Community Operations, Ed Dunphy: He's retiring! In January, we collected signatures for seven candidates and advised them on best practices. In February, we held a training session for local candidates. We assembled a team to put up, take down, and store large campaign signs. We encourage members to join local boards and commissions.
 - b. VC Precinct Operations, Joseph Smith: Huge thanks to 80 poll sitters.

- c. Intraparty Coordination, Josh Pieper for Dan Else: Spotsylvania saw the biggest shift toward the Democrats. They have only 91 members but they were part of a 21-point shift. Culpeper's growth exceeds Virginia average. Democrats are very slowly closing the gap with Republicans.
- d. Communications, Marysa Mullen: No report
- e. Events, Marilyn Dunphy: Lots of events! We'll have a Christmas Parade watch party on the front porch, 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Please sign up to bring desserts for the Glenn Kirschner event at Old House Winery on Dec. 13.
- f. Office Manager, Laura Adler: We added an office phone, a new laptop, new messaging on the website, and lots of volunteers.

Adjourn 10:29 a.m. (Carolyn Walker, Joseph Smith)

Guest Speaker: Liz White of UpVote Virginia was scheduled but didn't appear.

Next Meeting: Jan. 3, 2026