

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee
2026-2027 Reorganization Meeting**

January 3, 2026
ASWB Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Caucus Chair Mary Jo Monahan.

In her welcoming remarks to the attendees, she thanked the Caucus Committee members Karen Bywaters, Joseph Smith, and Carolyn Walker and the additional assistance of Alison Howard and Ed Dunphy. Thanks were also given to the candidates who had volunteered to serve as officers in the new biennial and noted this would be a "peaceful transfer of power."

The chair appointed Carolyn Walker as the Caucus Secretary.

The Reorganization counts were provided by Carolyn Walker with the assistance of Karen Bywaters and unanimously approved by acclamation:

85 Total Members
64 Caucus Participants

Following motions (1st Jan Fitts; 2nd Steven Jones, Sr.), the Rules & Regulations were unanimously approved by acclamation.

The 85 names of the 2026-2027 membership applications were read by Carolyn Walker and following motions (1st Jim Restel; 2nd Steven Jones, Sr.), were unanimously approved by acclamation. The 2026-2027 Culpeper County Democratic Committee was now officially organized.

Following motions (1st Ed Dunphy; 2nd Steven Jones, Sr.) and unanimous approval by acclamation, the meeting immediately proceeded to the election of CCDC officers.

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Following motions (1st Alison Howard; 2nd Steven Jones, Sr.) and unanimous approval by acclamation, the 2026 - 2027 officers were elected and immediately took effect:

Chair: Joshua Pieper
Secretary: Valerie File
Treasurer: David Perrow
Vice Chair, Precinct Operations: Mary Jo Monahan
Vice Chair, Intraparty Coordination: Daniel Else
Vice Chair, Community Operations: Vacant

In his acceptance remarks, new Chair Josh Pieper thanked the attendees for their support and stressed the ongoing theme in the new biennial will be full volunteerism by the membership, strengthening ties with adjacent organizations, and deepening the CCDC's presence in the community. Questions and discussion followed surrounding concerns of backlash against Democrats by the Trump administration and the need for members to stand together if it should occur.

Following motions (1st Erin Restel; 2nd Steven Jones, Sr.), the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Walker
CCDC Caucus Committee Secretary