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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

**IN RE: PETITION FOR A SPECIAL
ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN :
THE OFFICE OF THE BRADDOCK :
DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE :
SCHOOL BOARD OF FAIRFAX :
COUNTY, VIRGINIA :**

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ORDER AND WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, Rachna Sizemore Heizer was elected to the office of the Braddock District Representative to the Fairfax County School Board ("School Board") for a term of office that commenced on January 1, 2024, and extends until January 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Rachna Sizemore Heizer resigned from the office of the Braddock District Supervisor effective on December 16, 2025, thereby creating a vacancy on the School Board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-226, the School Board petitioned this Court for an order and writ of special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Braddock District Representative; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-802 provides that in the event of a vacancy on the School Board, and subject to an exception not applicable here, the Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court shall call a special election in the affected district to fill that vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-802 requires that the special election be held not fewer than 45 days nor more than 90 days from the occurrence of that vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, is a day that is not fewer than 45 nor more than 90 days from December 16, 2025, and is otherwise suitable for conducting the special election; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 24.2-681 requires that special elections "be superintended and held, notice thereof given, ballots prepared, returns made and certified, votes canvassed, results ascertained and made known, and certificates of election given, by the same officers, under the same penalties, and subject to the same regulations as prescribed for general elections, except as otherwise provided by law"; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 24.2-683 imposes specific notice requirements on this Order and the General Registrar for the special election;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-802, 24.2-682, and 24.2-683, that (i) on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, a special election shall be held for the Braddock District in Fairfax County, Virginia, to fill the office of the Braddock District Representative to the Fairfax County School Board for the remainder of the present term of office; and (ii) the election shall be superintended and held in accordance with Title 24.2 and subject to same regulations as prescribed for general elections, except as otherwise provided by law, including that the General Registrar of Fairfax County shall publish notice of this special election in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-683; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall send forthwith certified copies of this Order and Writ of Special Election to Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary of the State Board of Elections, at Washington Building, 1100 Bank Street, First Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Jeffrey K. Shapiro, Secretary, Fairfax County Electoral Board, at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Ste 323, Fairfax, Virginia 22035, Eric L. Spicer, Fairfax County General Registrar, at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Ste 323, Fairfax, Virginia 22035 and Elizabeth D. Teare, Fairfax County Attorney, at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Ste 549, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

THIS ORDER IS FINAL.

ENTERED this ____ day of December, 2025

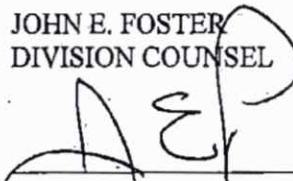


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Fairfax County Circuit Court

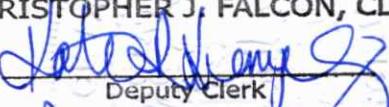
I ASK FOR THIS:

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