

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016 5:00 PM

Members present

Chairman Bill Brian

Secretary Dawn Baxton

Staff present

Interim Director Sam Gedman

Deputy Director George McCue

Election Specialist Heidi Ziehm

Others present:

See Attendance Sheet

Open meeting; minutes approval

Chairman Brian called the meeting to order after confirming a quorum was present.

After reviewing previous meeting minutes, Secretary Baxton moved to approve draft minutes from the 8/25/16 and 9/1/16 meetings. Chairman Brian seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

Polling place changes

Mr. Gedman provided an update on polling places. He reviewed staff's recommendation to move the location of polling places in Precinct 22 to Lakeview School, 3507 Dearborn Drive, Durham, and in Precinct 32 to Neal Middle School, 201 Baptist Road, Durham. Mr. Gedman confirmed that contacts of previous host sites were notified of this agenda item. The Board confirmed that no member of the audience wished to provide public comment on the matter.

Secretary Baxton moved to accept staff's recommendations to new polling places starting with the 2016 General Election. Chairman Brian seconded, and the motion passed 2-0. The Board also inquired and received confirmation that these polling place changes would be noticed by a mailing to the affected voters and publicized.

Multipartisan Assistance Team

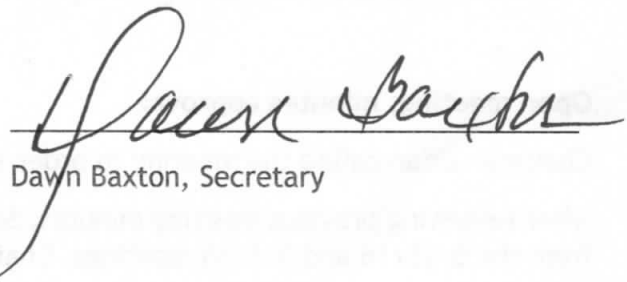
Mr. Gedman presented a proposed roster of potential team members of the Board of Elections' Multipartisan Assistance Team, which can provide assistance with absentee voting to residents of certain facilities such as nursing homes. The team members would need to be certified unless already currently-certified, which would require training and the signing of a declaration to confirm eligibility to serve. Secretary Baxton expressed a desire to have equal numbers of team members from each party, and directed staff to check with county party chairs regarding representation on the team.

Secretary Baxton moved to accept staff's recommendations for an initial roster of potential team members. Chairman Brian seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

Closed session

Secretary Baxton moved to go into closed session as allowed under General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. Chairman Brian seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

The Board met in closed session from approximately 5:15 p.m. until approximately 9:45 p.m. Upon returning from closed session, Chairman Brian announced that no action was taken by the Board and adjourned the meeting.



Dawn Baxton, Secretary