

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Bill Brian

Secretary Dawn Baxton

Member Margaret Griffin

Staff present

Deputy Director George McCue

Deputy Director Daniel Lassiter

County attorney present: Senior Assistant County Attorney Marie Inserra

Audience member present: Susan Pochapsky

Chairman Brian called the meeting to order, confirming all members were present. Chairman Brian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed minutes from its last meeting on January 12, 2017. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the minutes. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. McCue and Mr. Lassiter provided the Board with an update on voter registration list maintenance procedures. The Board discussed the statutory process by which voter registrations can be removed for ineligibility for a felony conviction, which includes a mailed notice to the voter and the opportunity for a hearing if requested by the affected person. Ms. Griffin moved to direct staff to continue current processes with the vote serving to formalize that delegation of Board business, but to begin the process of updating the Board on removals at least on a monthly basis at meetings. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

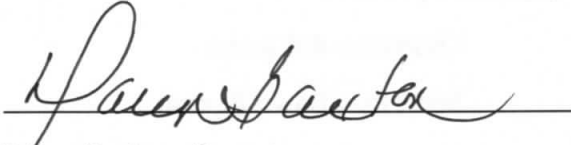
The Board discussed the fact that a consent order involved with election protests filed in 2016 needed amendment, to reflect the removal process and a subsequent order from the State Board of Elections that bound the Durham County Board of Elections regarding how to treat certain types of election protests. Chairman Brian directed staff to contact Thomas Stark, the attorney of the protestor, to resolve this issue.

Mr. Lassiter and Mr. McCue provided a staff update on various projects and other office business. Board members inquired about the job posting for the Director position. Ms. Inserra responded that the posting was nearly ready to go public. Based upon a question from Ms.

Pochapsky, the Board also discussed whether the Board might require for the Director to reside in Durham County.

Ms. Griffin moved to move into closed session for authorized purposes pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-318.11(a)(3) and (a)(6). The Board began its closed session at approximately 5:50 p.m.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., the Board returned to open session. No action was taken. The Board immediately adjourned.



Dawn Baxton, Secretary