



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Bill Brian

Secretary Dawn Baxton

Member Margaret Griffin

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens

Chief of Staff Kate Cosner

Deputy Director Samuel Gedman

Deputy Director Daniel Lassiter

Elections Administrator Rose Wolf

County attorney present: N/A

Audience members present: Susan Pochapsky and Michael Gray

Introductory matters

Chairman Brian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the October 31, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes presented by staff for the October 24th Board meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the minutes presented by staff. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Director's report

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a statistics and visualization report on absentee one-stop voting turnout through October 30, 2017. Mr. Bowens also informed the Board that NCCU addressed voter concerns related to access to the Turner Law Building.

Old business: Memorandum of Understanding with Durham County administration

Per Senior Assistant County Attorney Willie Darby, the memorandum of understanding is still in the possession of the County Manager.

New business

Review of absentee ballots

The Board reviewed 2,942 returned absentee ballot applications that had been submitted in time for this meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve all applications (including one-stop voting, a total of 2,942 absentee votes). The motion was seconded by Secretary Baxton and passed 3-0.

Mr. Bowens requested staff be permitted to conduct preparatory steps related to absentee ballots, including but not limited to, duplicating machine rejected ballots and optically scanning all ballots received. Ms. Griffin moved to approve staff to conduct preparatory steps prior to the counting of absentee ballots. The motion was seconded by Secretary Baxton and passed 3-0.

Election judge substitutions

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a list of needed substitutions of chief judges and election judge positions. Mr. Bowens noted that these substitutions would only be in effect for the October municipal election. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the list. The motion was seconded by Secretary Baxton and passed 3-0.

Public comment and questions

Mr. Bowens responded to questions from audience members related to Election judge substitutions and preparation for Election Day.

General discussion

There was no general discussion provided during the designated period.

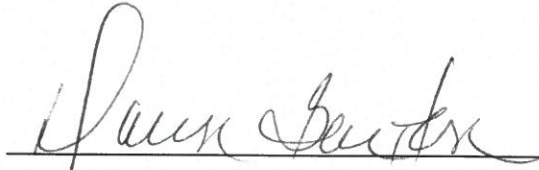
Closed Session

Ms. Griffin moved to go into closed session for authorized purposes pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§143-318.11(a)(3) relating to potential litigation and 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Baxton seconded that motion, which passed 3-0.

Upon returning to open session at 6:01 p.m., Chairman Brian reported that the Board instructed staff accordingly.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 6:02 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Griffin, seconded by Secretary Baxton, and passing 3-0.



Dawn Baxton, Secretary