

## **DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

# Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

#### Members present

Chairman Bill Brian

Secretary Dawn Baxton

Member Margaret Griffin

#### Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens

Deputy Director George McCue

Elections Administrator Deborah Hart

County attorney present: Senior Assistant County Attorney Willie Darby

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

#### Introductory matters

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

The Board reviewed the agenda and proceeded without any changes.

The Board reviewed minutes from its last meeting on February 22, 2018. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the minutes. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

#### Director's report

Mr. Bowens provided updates on office business, including the fact that the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement had met under its new membership structure earlier in the week.

#### **New business**

### Removal hearing of Douglas Register, Chief Judge of Precinct 05

The Board conducted a hearing on the question of removal of Douglas Register, Chief Judge of Precinct 05. Appearing on behalf of Board of Elections staff were Derek Bowens and George McCue. Mr. Register appeared and presented arguments in opposition to removal.

Following the presentation of evidence and arguments on this matter, Secretary Baxton moved to remove Douglas Register for satisfactory cause. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffin and passed 3-0. Mr. Darby was asked to prepare an order to reflect the Board's action.

## General discussion; public comment; adjournment

The Board next turned to public comment; none were offered by audience members. The Board announced there were no matters of general discussion either.

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Dawn Baxton, Secretary