



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday, May 7, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Dawn Baxton, Chair
Michael Gray, Vice Chair
Philip Lehman, Secretary
Luke Farley, Member

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens
Other staff: Rose Wolf

Audience members present: Susan Pochapsky and Susan Weaver

Meeting opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Farley moved to adopt the agenda as prepared by staff. This motion was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed draft minutes of the previous meeting held on May 1, 2018. Vice-Chairman Gray moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

New business

Review of absentee ballots

The Board reviewed 70 returned absentee-by-mail ballot applications. Staff recommended approval of 67 of the applications, along with 6,569 one-stop early voting ballot applications, for a total of 6,636 applications. Approval of the absentee ballot applications came by motion of Vice-Chairman Gray, was seconded by Mr. Farley, and passed 4-0. Three of the applications were unanimously not approved due to missing signatures.

Vice-Chairman Gray moved to instruct staff to make reasonable efforts to contact effected voters to fix omissions on deficient applications received by the Board of Elections. This motion was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

Approval of Certified Lists

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the certified lists of absentee ballots and corresponding certificates of oath. Secretary Lehman moved to approve the certified list of absentee voters, which included 11,261 voters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farley and passed 4-0. Chairman Baxton signed the certificates of oath for both civilian and military ballots.

Chief judge and judge substitution appointments

Based upon the recommendations of the political parties and staff, the Board approved a list of two substitutions for Election Judge positions for the May 2018 Primary/Election. The approval came by a motion by Vice Chairman Gray, which was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

Public comment and questions

There was no public comments and questions provided at the designated time.

General discussion

Mr. Bowens updated the Board on Election Day preparations. Mr. Bowens also notified the Board that Kid's Voting of Durham requested to conduct a voting simulation in various voting enclosures around the county. Vice Chairman Gray moved to allow Kid's Voting of Durham to conduct the simulation in the requested polling places. The motion was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

Vice-Chairman Gray also moved to cancel the May 10, 2018 Board of Elections regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:09 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Farley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gray, and passing 4-0.



Philip Lehman, Secretary