

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Philip Lehman, Chair Michael Gray, Vice-Chair Luke Farley, Member

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens Deputy Director Samuel Gedman

County officials present

Human Resources Director Kathy Everett-Perry

Audience Members present: Susan Pochapsky, Susan Weaver, and Rae Thompson

Meeting Opening

Chairman Lehman 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 Vice -Chairman Gray and passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the March 26th (Closed session), May 17th and May 18th meetings. Mr. Farley moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gray and passed 3-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Director's report providing updates on list maintenance, registration statistics from April through June of this year and a fiscal update whereby he demonstrated that the department's budget is fiscally sound and on track at years end. Extensive legislative updates were provided. Mr. Bowens provided information regarding a write-in-petition for the sheriffs race this November along with a bond referendum in Chapel Hill.

Approval of Voting Equipment Purchase

Mr. Farley moved to adopt the Director's recommendation that the Board receive a demonstration of Election Systems and Software's certified DS200 and DS850 at the next board meeting. This motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Gray and passed 3-0. Elections Systems and Software is the only certified voting systems vendor in North Carolina.

Public comment and questions: general discussion

Audience member Susan Pochapsky inquired as to when a fourth board member would be joining the existing board. Mr. Lehman responded that they hope it to be soon.

Closed session; adjournment

At approximately 6:20 p.m., Mr. Farley moved for the Board to go into closed session for authorized purposes pursuant to GEN. STAT. 143-318.11(a)(3) relating to potential litigation and 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. Vice-chairman Gray seconded that motion, which passed 3-0. The Board began its closed session at 6:22 p.m.

Upon returning to open session at 7:30 p.m., Chairman Lehman reported that the Board took no action requiring announcement in open session. The Board immediately adjourned.

Philip A. Lehman