



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Luke Farley
Vice Chairman and Secretary Philip Lehman
Member Pamela Oxendine
Member Michael Gray

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens
Deputy Director Samuel Gedman
Elections Manager George McCue
Elections Manager Daniel Lassiter
Elections Administrator Rose Wolf

County attorney present: N/A

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

Meeting opening

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lehman moved to adopt the agenda. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and passed 4-0.

New business

Review of absentee ballots

The Board reviewed 438 returned absentee-by-mail ballot applications. Staff recommended approval of 407 of the submitted applications. 31 of the applications were recommended for disapproval. On motion from Mr. Gray, the Board accepted the recommendation of staff, excluding the ballot application for Anand Fozard-McCall which required further discussion due

to a notarial issue, seconded by Ms. Oxendine. This motion passed unanimously. Following discussion, Vice Chairman Lehman motioned to approve the ballot of Mr. Fozard-McCall, with Ms. Oxendine seconding. The board voted to approve the ballot by a 3-1 vote with Chairman Farley dissenting. Mr. Gray moved to approve 28,096 absentee ballot applications, encompassing One-Stop early voting, for approval which was seconded by Ms. Oxendine. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Lehman motioned to move the 11/9 board meeting to 11/13 at 9am. The motion was approved 4-0. The Board authorized, per N.C. Gen. Stat. 163A-1315(3), that staff be permitted to duplicate and optically scan approved absentee-by-mail ballots.

Chief judge and judge substitution appointments

Based upon the recommendations of the political parties and staff, the Board approved a list of 29 substitutions for Election Chief Judge and Judge positions for the November 2018 Election. The approval came by a motion by Mr. Gray, which was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed 4-0.

Public comment and questions

Comments were provided by the public.

Closed Session

Chairman Farley moved that the Board enter into closed session under N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-318.11(a)(1), 143-318.11(a)(6), and 143-318.11(a)(7) to discuss personnel matters.

Following closed session, Chairman Farley moved to return to open session in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-318.10(d) to conduct business remaining before the Board.

Adjournment

Following the return from closed session at approximately 7:05 p.m., the Board adjourned on a motion by Vice Chairman Lehman, seconded by Mr. Gray that passed 4-0.


Philip Lehman, Secretary