



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Philip Lehman, Chairman
Luke Farley, Secretary
Michael Gray, Member
Pamela Oxendine, Member

Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Samuel Gedman, Deputy Director

County attorney present: Yes

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Baxton was not present for this Board meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed, 3 - 0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with draft minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed, 3 - 0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on list maintenance, finance, legislative activity, pending litigation at the state level, storage facility update, the SBE Polling Place Uniformity Project, the imminent proposal of precinct relocations, and photo identification implementation.

Public comment and questions

Public comments and questions were presented on providing free bus rides to voters.

Old Business

a. Adoption of One-Stop Voting Plan for 2019 Municipal Elections

Under the request of Mr. Bowens, Ms. Oxendine moved to defer the adoption of the One-Stop Voting Plan for the 2019 Municipal Elections until the June 13th meeting, due to the possibility of statutory changes that would permit flexibility in early voting hours for odd-numbered year elections. Mr. Farley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

Mr. Farley offered comment, citing statutory requirements for adopting One-Stop Voting plans; decision must be deferred until all Board members are present.

New Business

a. Resolution to adopt Polling Place changes for precincts: 19,48 and 53-2.

- Discussion on the definition of an adjoining tract and its technical meaning
- Mr. Farley moved to adopt the resolutions for each precinct. Ms. Oxendine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4 - 0.

b. Adoption of Municipal Election Agreements

- Mr. Farley moved to adopt the agreements with contingency of a pre-audit certificate being provided. Ms. Oxendine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0.
- County attorney will follow-up with obtaining pre-audit certificates.

General Discussion

Mr. Gray proposed to move the start time of the Board Meetings to 7 PM. Mr. Lehman suggested that the Board give office staff and other Board Members time to reflect on the subject.

Mr. Gray requested a large precinct map to be available for reference during meetings.

Mr. Gray discussed the process for registering citizens who recently became U.S. citizens. Mr. Bowens commented; staff procedural documents will be reviewed and updated to reflect State BOE policies.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Oxendine, which passed, 4-0.


Luke J. Farley, Sr., Secretary