



# DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

## DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019 5:00 p.m.

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#### Members present

Philip Lehman, Chairman  
Luke Farley, Secretary (Participated by phone)  
Dawn Baxton, Member  
Michael Gray, Member  
Pamela Oxendine, Member

#### Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director  
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director  
Alan Resley, Staff Assistant

County officials present: N/A

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

#### Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farley and passed unanimously, 5-0.

#### New Business

- a. Review of Absentee Ballots
  - After review of the absentee ballot applications, Mr. Gray moved to approve 2,345 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff (Includes absentee-by-mail and absentee one-stop). The motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously, 5-0.

- Ms. Baxton made a motion for staff to duplicate non machine-readable ballots and scan all approved absentee ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously, 5-0.
- b. Approval of Absentee Certified Lists
- After review of the absentee certified lists, Mr. Farley moved to approve the lists. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously, 5-0. In total the Board approved 6,564 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.
- c. Approval of 2019 Municipal Primary Election Precinct Officials
- After review of the final list of Precinct Officials and Chief Judge and Judge vacancies, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the suggestions made by BOE staff. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lehman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

#### Public Comment

- Members of the public inquired about the Board Meeting for October 8, 2019 and asked general questions regarding absentee ballots being traceable.

#### General Discussion

- No discussion

#### Closed Session

- The Board went into closed session at 5:25 p.m. and returned at 5:32 p.m.

#### Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:38 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lehman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

  
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Luke J. Farley, Sr., Secretary