

# **DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

# Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:00 p.m.

# Members present

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

## Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director Brenda Baker, Deputy Director Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager 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 2:05 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. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Baxton and passed unanimously, 5-0.

## **New Business**

- a. Counting of Absentee Ballots
  - The Board began its count of all absentee ballots per a previously passed resolution. Polls were closed on voting equipment used to count absentee ballots. The Board reviewed this process and once complete, signed results tapes printed from the tabulation equipment.

#### **Public Comment**

• No public comment

#### **General Discussion**

- Director Bowens gave the Board and public an overview of the process for Election Night Returns.
- The Board formally made a motion to enter a challenge against Mr. Larry Bagley's absentee application and ballot per NCGS 163-89(e). The motion was made by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Gray and passed unanimously, 5-0. The challenge hearing will take place at the canvass meeting on October 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. This challenge was entered based on a previous rejection of Mr. Bagley's absentee application and ballot due to his active felony status.

#### **Recess**

- The Board recessed at 2:49 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for closing of the polls and Election Night Results.
- Following the close of the polls, Board Members oversaw the receipt and upload of election results from the county's 56 precincts.

# Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 12:00 a.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lehman and passed unanimously, 5-0.

Luke J. Farley, Sr., Secretar