



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members present

Phil Lehman, Chairman
Michael Gray, Secretary
Pamela Oxendine, Member
Dawn Baxton, Member
Gregory Irby, Member

Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director
Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager
Eric Brown, Elections Systems Specialist
Alan Resley, Elections Absentee Assistant

County officials present: N/A

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board meeting was held at 201 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701 in Room 126.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda and all approved, 5-0

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 02/18/2020 and 02/20/2020 Board meetings. Following review, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 5-0. Chairman Lehman made the motion.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee Ballots

- After review of the absentee ballot applications, Chairman Lehman moved to approve 10, 819 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff (includes absentee-by-mail and absentee one-stop). The motion was seconded by Ms. Baxton and approved by all, 5-0.
- Ms. Baxton moved to reject 7 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff. The deficiencies were due to the voter and/or witnesses insufficiently completing the absentee return envelope. The motion was approved by all, 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 in accordance with NCGS 163-234 (2) and (3). The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

b. 2020 Primary Election Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes

- Mr. Gray moved to approve the replacement judges as recommended by staff. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion and all approved, 5-0.

Public Comments and Questions

Public comments and questions were provided by two members of the public.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board and public with an update on early voting. Mr. Willie Darby provided an update on the voting enclosure for Precinct 01 – W.J. Brogden Middle School. Voting will continue to take place in the Auditorium for the March Primary and will be moved to the Gym for the November General Election.

Closed Session

Chairman Lehman moved for the Board to meet in closed session as allowed under N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-318.11(a)(1) to discuss a confidential legal matter. The motion was approved by all, 5-0. The Board met in closed session from approximately 5:34 p.m. to 5:48 p.m. At the end of the closed session, the Board returned to open session on a motion by Chairman Lehman, which was approved by all 5-0.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Irby. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.



Michael H. Gray
Secretary