



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members present

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

Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director
Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager
Eric Brown, Elections Systems Specialist

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. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda and all approved, 5-0.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee Ballots

- After review of the absentee ballot applications, Chairman Lehman moved to approve 23,272 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff (includes absentee-by-mail and absentee one-stop). The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

- Mr. Irby moved to reject 35 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 seconded by Ms. Baxton and approved by all, 5-0.
- Mr. Irby 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. Approval of Absentee Certified Lists

- After review of the absentee certified lists, Mr. Irby moved to approve the lists. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously, 5-0. In total the Board approved 41,114 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

c. Approval of 2020 Primary Election Precinct Officials

- After review of the final list of Precinct Officials and Chief Judge and Judge vacancies, Chairman Lehman moved to approve the suggestions made by BOE staff. The motion was approved by all and passed unanimously, 5-0.

d. Approval of Kids Voting Simulation

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve Kids Voting Simulation in Precincts 09, 50, 34-2, 44, 20, 36 and 21. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

Public Comments and Questions

Public comments and questions were made by one member of the public.

General Discussion

No general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.



Michael H. Gray
Secretary