



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting (Telephonic)

Thursday, July 23, 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
Willie S. Darby, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Kathy Everett-Perry, Chief Human Resources Officer/Employment Counsel

County Officials Present: N/A

Audience Members Present: N/A

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 and all approved, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the minutes from the June 11, 2020 Board meeting. Following review, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 5-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on List Maintenance, Absentee-by-Mail, Finances, 2020 Cares Act/HAVA Funding Appropriated to Durham County and COVID-19 Preparations.

Public Comment and Questions

Comments and questions were made by members of the public via the public comment portal. These comments were read aloud during the meeting. Comments submitted prior to the meeting in regard to the 2020 Proposed General Election Absentee One-Stop (Early Voting) Plan were previously provided to the Board.

New Business

- a. 2020 Proposed General Election Absentee One-Stop (Early Voting) Plan
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the 2020 Proposed General Election Absentee One-Stop (Early Voting) Plan along with supplemental documentation to support the proposal. Following discussion and consideration of public comments, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the 2020 Proposed General Election Absentee One-Stop (Early Voting) Plan as proposed by staff. The motion was approved and passed unanimously, 5-0.
 - A copy of the approved 2020 General Election Absentee One-Stop (Early Voting) Plan will be attached to the electronic version of these minutes.

Closed Session

The Board entered into closed session under N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(1), N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(3), and N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters and the case of Victoria Peterson vs. North Carolina State Board of Elections; Durham County Board of Elections; and Alejandra Javiera Caballero. The Board returned to regular session at 6:20 p.m.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.



Michael H. Gray

Secretary