



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting (Telephonic)

Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director

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 as amended and all approved, 4-0. Board member Gregory Irby was not present for this meeting.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on List Maintenance, Absentee-by-Mail, Finance, 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.

New Business

- a. Adoption of Ballot Duplication Policy
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a ballot duplication policy for machine-rejected ballots. Following review, Ms. Baxton made a motion to approve the absentee duplication policy as submitted by staff. The motion was approved and adopted unanimously, 4-0.

- b. Selection of Durham County's "I Voted" Sticker
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the results from the 2020 'I Voted' Sticker contest in Durham County. Following review, Mr. Gray made a motion to select the design submitted by Mark Congiusta ('NO BULL I VOTED'). The motion was approved and adopted unanimously, 4-0.

 - Mr. Bowens noted that the winner of the contest will receive \$500, a plaque, and appreciation at a future Board of County Commissioners' meeting. The two runner-ups will receive \$250.

- c. Board of Elections Reopening Plan
 - Mr. Bowens proposed to the Board that the Board of Elections reopen on September 1st in preparation for the start of absentee-by-mail voting. Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the Board of Elections reopening on September 1, 2020 in preparation for absentee-by-mail voting. The motion was approved and adopted unanimously, 4-0.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:31 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.



Michael H. Gray
Secretary