



# DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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### Minutes of Board Meeting (Telephonic)

Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:00 P.M.

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#### **Members Present**

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

#### **Staff Present**

Derek Bowens, Elections Director  
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director

**County Officials Present:** Willie Darby, County Attorney

**Audience Members Present:** N/A

#### **Meeting opening**

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 and all approved, 4-0. Board member Dawn Baxton was not present for this meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the minutes from the 7/23, 8/6, and 8/13 Board meetings. Following review, Mr. Irby made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 4-0.

#### **Director's Report**

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on List Maintenance, Absentee-by-Mail, Finance, 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. Appointment of 2020-22 Multi-Partisan Assistance Team Members
  - Following review and discussion, Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the list of proposed MAT Members. Mrs. Oxendine seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- b. Resolution to Adopt a Time to Count Absentee Ballots
  - Following discussion, Mr. Irby made a motion to adopt the Resolution on a Time for Counting Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The Board will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Election Day (11/3) and 9:00 a.m. on 11/12.
- c. Approval of Additional Absentee-by-mail Board Meetings
  - Following discussion, Mr. Irby made a motion to approve the additional Absentee-by-mail Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The Board authorized additional meetings to occur on 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30 at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 35.3
  - Following discussion, Mr. Irby made a motion to adopt the Resolution for a Polling Place Change for Precinct 35.3. The site will be moved from Fire Station #18 to Triangle Bridge Club. Mrs. Oxendine seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- e. Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 17
  - Following discussion, Mr. Irby made a motion to adopt the Resolution for a Polling Place Change for Precinct 17. The site will be moved from First Presbyterian Church to the Durham County Main Library. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- f. Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 15
  - Following discussion, Mr. Irby made a motion to adopt the Resolution for a Polling Place Change for Precinct 15. The site will be moved from Shepherd's House United Methodist Church to Holton Career and Resource Center. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- g. Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 48 (Out- of- Precinct)
  - Following discussion, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to adopt the Resolution for a Polling Place Change for Precinct 48. The site will be moved from Woodcroft Clubhouse to The Boys and Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties. The final motion was 3-1, with Mr. Irby dissenting. Since the polling place change would be out-of-precinct, unanimity was required and therefore the motion failed.

## **General Discussion**

There was no general discussion.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Gray. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael H. Gray", written over a horizontal line.

Michael H. Gray  
Secretary