



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Friday, October 16, 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
Alan Resley, Absentee Coordinator
James Graves, Elections Systems Specialist
David Beuttel, Elections Logistics Manager
Rebecca Troedsson, Elections Specialist

County Officials Present: N/A

Audience Members Present: See attendance log.

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Irby was not present for this meeting.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 9/29, 10/6, 10/9 and 10/13 Board meetings. Following review, Ms. Oxendine moved to approve the minutes with corrections being made to the staff list. All approved, 5-0.

Public Comment and Questions

Comments and questions were made by members of the public via the public comment portal and in-person.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Consistent with Numbered Memorandum 2020-25, Mr. Bowens requested that the Board agree to random spot checking of absentee ballot applications recommended for approval by staff in lieu of reviewing each individual envelope. The Board agreed unanimously to each review at least 50 randomly selected applications of absentee-by-mail ballots recommended for approval.
- After discussion and a random physical review of the absentee ballot applications, Ms. Baxton moved to approve a total of 1,548 civilian and military/overseas absentee applications and ballots received by mail per the recommendation of staff. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.
- Mr. Gray moved to authorize staff to open approved absentee-by-mail envelopes and begin the optical scanning process authorized under NCGS 163-234(3) and Numbered Memorandum 2020-25. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.
- Following review of duplicated military/overseas ballots consistent with Board policy (BOE-001), Ms. Baxton moved to approve 100 duplicated military/overseas ballots. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.
- Staff opened and scanned all approved absentee-by-mail ballots.

b. Approval of 2020 General Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a report and certification of all voting systems that are eligible to be used during the 2020 General Election following successful logic and accuracy testing. Following review, Ms. Oxendine moved to certify the machines eligible for use during the 2020 General Election. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on the status of Board Meeting Minutes, Chief Judge and Judge substitutes, and One-Stop Voting Preparation.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Oxendine. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

Michael H. Gray

Michael H. Gray, Secretary