



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Friday, December 10, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director
Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager
James Graves, Elections Systems Specialist
Casey Horvitz, Training and Compliance Manager
Erin Lewandowski, Training and Compliance Specialist
David Beuttel, 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 10:07 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Chairman Lehman moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by all, 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 11/12, 11/13, 11/16, 11/20, 11/30, and 12/4 Board meetings. Following review, Mr. Irby moved to approve the minutes and all approved, 3-0.

Public Comment and Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

New Business

- a. Sample Hand-to-Eye Recount of NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Race
 - Mr. Bowens informed the Board that at the request of Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, the State Board of Elections has required all counties to conduct a sample hand-to-eye recount of 3% of their precincts consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.7(a). The precincts randomly selected for Durham County were Precincts 55-11, 19, and 35.3. Mr. Bowens went on to explain the recount procedures and introduced members of the sample audit count team to all Board members present. Following discussion, Chairman Lehman authorized staff to begin the count.
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 2 ballots that required adjudication for Precinct 55-11. After review, the Board deemed the 2 ballots as overvotes per guidance from the State Board of Elections, and the precinct completely reconciled.
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 5 ballots that required adjudication for Precinct 19. After review, the Board deemed the 5 ballots as undervotes per guidance from the State Board of Elections, and the precinct completely reconciled.
 - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 15 ballots that required adjudication for Precinct 35.3. After review, the Board deemed 13 ballots as undervotes and 2 ballots initially deemed as overvotes, as votes for Chief Justice Cheri Beasley per guidance from the State Board of Elections. The 2 votes for Chief Justice Beasley reflected a change in results for the precinct.
 - Mr. Bowens informed the Board that results of the sample hand-to-eye recount would be reported to the State Board of Elections immediately.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens informed the Board that a date for the January meeting is forthcoming and that he will provide updates on finances, grants, and COVID expenses.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 11:46 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Irby. The motion was approved by all, 3-0.



Michael H. Gray, Secretary