



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Board Members:

Dawn Y. Baxton, Chairwoman
Gregory D. Irby, Secretary
Philip A. Lehman, Member
Pamela A. Oxendine, Member
David K. Boone, Member

Board Members Present: Chairwoman Dawn Y. Baxton, Secretary Gregory D. Irby, Member Philip A. Lehman, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Systems and Audit Manager Daniel Lassiter, Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. at the Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27703) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the minutes from the 9/21, 9/28 and 10/4 Board meetings. Following review, Mr. Irby moved to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

One question was provided in the public chat function regarding UOCAVA ballots.

New Business

a. Sample Audit Count

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request for staff to conduct the sample audit count for Precincts 53-1 and 55-49. Mr. Lehman moved to authorize staff to proceed with the sample audit count. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Following the sample audit count, Mr. Bowens informed the Board that all hand-eye counts reconciled to the machine totals for the sampled precincts.

b. Review and Counting of Supplemental Absentee

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 192 Civilian ballots and applications for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Irby moved to approve 192 civilian ballots and applications

per the recommendation of staff, and to allow for the scanning and counting of all approved absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 21 Military/Overseas ballots for review. Following review of the duplicated Military/Overseas ballots consistent with Board policy, Mr. Irby moved to approve 21 duplicated Military/Overseas ballots. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 26 Civilian and 1 Military/Overseas ballots and applications that were 'Returned After Deadline'. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove the 27 ballots and applications that were returned after the deadline. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 4 Civilian ballots that were designated as Pending. Following discussion and review, Mr. Irby moved to approve 1 ballot where the Board was able to determine the witness' signature. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Lehman moved to approve 1 ballot (the husband's) where a husband and wife both sent their ballots back in the husband's container return envelope. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove 1 ballot (the wife's) that was returned in the same container return envelope as her husband's ballot. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Irby moved to disapprove 1 ballot where the witness information was not to form. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 7 Civilian ballots and applications designated as Witness Information Incomplete. Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove the 7 ballots that were missing witness information. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Following the motions for the Pending and Witness Information Incomplete ballots, the approved absentee counts for the October 11, 2021 meeting was CIV 194 and OVR 21 for a total of 215.

c. Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with Provisional ballot applications for review. Following discussion and review, Mr. Irby moved to approve 107 provisional ballots and applications and to disapprove 45 applications as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:51 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member