



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022
5:00 P.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, Member Philip A. Lehman, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Gregory D. Irby, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Logistics and Systems Manager David Beuttel, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and 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 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

No comments or questions were provided.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-by-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 2,827 Civilian, 4 Accepted Cured, 7 Military and 157 Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications for approval. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve a total of 2827 Civilian, 4 Accepted Cured, 7 Military and 157 Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion also allowed staff to scan all approved absentee ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day in accordance with NCGS 163-234 (2) and (3). The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Mr. Irby was not present for the remainder of the meeting.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 43,534 One-Stop absentee ballots and applications for approval. Following discussion, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 43,534 One-Stop ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 66 ballots and applications designated as Witness Information Incomplete, and 4 pending ballots, 2 of which moved to approved (and were already counted in the motion for approved ballots), and 2 that moved to Witness Information Incomplete. Following discussion and physical review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to disapprove the 66 ballots and applications that were missing witness information. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.
- Following the motions for the 66 witness information incomplete ballots and applications, the approved absentee counts for the November 7, 2022, meeting was 43,534 One-Stop, 2,827 Civilian, 4 Accepted Cured, 7 Military and 157 Overseas ballots. The total approved absentee count was 46,529.

b. 2022 Statewide General Election – Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the recommended lists. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

c. Approval of Statewide General Election Certified List

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the 2022 Statewide General Election Certified Lists. Following review, Mr. Boone moved to approve the certified lists. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. In total, the Board approved 87,107 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on precinct deliveries and expectations for Election Day.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:59 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member