



# MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

## Board Members:

Dawn Y. Baxton, Chairwoman  
David K. Boone, Member  
James P. Weaver, Member  
Pamela A. Oxendine, Member  
Donald H. Beskind, Member

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**Board Members Present:** Chairwoman Dawn Y. Baxton, Member James P. Weaver, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Donald H. Beskind, and Member David K. Boone

**Board Staff Present:** Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, and Systems Specialist Julius Richards

**Guests in Attendance:** Senior Assistant County Attorney Bettyna Abney

**Meeting Type:** In-Person and Zoom

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## Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. at the Durham County 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.

## Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 7/18 meeting. Following review, Mr. Boone moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## Director's Report

Mr. Bowens provided updates on List Maintenance, Finances, Legal/Legislative matters, the BOE Consolidated Facility and the 2023 State Board of Elections Summer Conference.

## Public Comment

One public question was submitted through the online portal and one comment was presented in-person. Both questions were addressed by Mr. Bowens.

## New Business

### a. Recognition of Gregory D. Irby (2020-2023 Board Member)

- Chairwoman Baxton presented outgoing Board member Gregory D. Irby with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 3-year service to the Board of Elections and residents of Durham County.

**b. 2023-2025 Chief Judge and Judge Appointments**

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with party recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Appointments as agreed upon by the local political parties. Mr. Beskind moved to accept the list of Chief Judge and Judge Appointments as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

The list of appointed Chief Judges and Judges for the 2023-2025 term will be attached to these minutes.

**c. Felony Challenge Preliminary Hearing – Christopher Langenderfer**

- As required under NCGS 163-82.14(c)(3), the Board was required to conduct a preliminary consideration hearing on a felony removal appeal submitted by Christopher Langenderfer. The Board was charged with determining if probable cause existed to move forward with a full removal hearing on Mr. Langenderfer’s right to remain registered to vote per documentation received from the State Board of Elections.

Following preliminary discussion, Chairwoman Baxton swore in Mr. Bowens to provide testimony. Mr. Bowens presented documentation from the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections (NCDAC), provided via the State Board of Elections, confirming Mr. Langenderfer’s active felony conviction. Following further discussion, Mr. Beskind moved that probable cause exists to proceed to a full hearing on the right of Mr. Langenderfer to remain registered to vote. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Senior Assistant County Attorney Bettyna Abney will mail Mr. Langenderfer notification of the hearing, scheduled for September 12, 2023.

**d. Resolution to Maintain Out-of-Precinct Polling Place Change for Precinct 54**

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a resolution to maintain an Out-of-Precinct Polling Place Change for Precinct 54, South Regional Library. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to accept the resolution to maintain the Out-of-Precinct Polling Place Change for Precinct 54. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

**General Discussion**

- Mr. Bowens was appointed to the Board of Directors for the National Association of Election Officials (Election Center).
- Precinct Official Online Training will be released on September 24<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 Municipal Elections.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:31 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

S/David K. Boone  
Member