



# MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
2:00 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, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

**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 2:04 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, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## Public Comment

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

## New Business

### a. Counting of Absentee Ballots

- The Board began its count of all absentee ballots per a previously passed resolution. The polls were closed on voting equipment used to count absentee ballots from the early voting period. The Board reviewed this process and once complete, signed results tapes printed from the tabulators. Following the signing of results tapes, Mr. Beskind moved to authorize staff to upload election results into the tabulation software and publish them to the State Board of Elections website. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

### b. Closed Session (NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3))

- Mr. Beskind moved that the Board enter into closed session at 2:20 p.m. under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss matters concerning Green vs. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- The Board returned to open session at 2:43 p.m. in accordance with NCGS §143-318.10(d) to conduct business remaining before the Board.

### General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on Election Day activities and staff preparations for Election Night Returns.

### Recess

The Board recessed at approximately 2:45 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for the closing of the polls and Election Night Returns. Board members oversaw the receipt and upload of election results from the 58 precincts that were open for the 2023 Municipal Primary Election.

### Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:37 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Weaver. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone  
Member