



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Board Members:

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

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

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: Senior Assistant County Attorney Bettyna Abney

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:36 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 a request to approve the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as amended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/4, 3/5, 3/7, 3/11, 3/14, 3/15, 3/21 and 4/9 Board meetings. Following review, Mr. Boone moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

One comment was provided in the public comment portal and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a total of 12 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to approve a total of 12 ballots and applications as recommended by staff. Mr. Beskind also moved to allow staff to open and 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, 5-0.

- The total approved absentee counts for the April 16, 2024, meeting was 10 Civilian and 2 Military/Overseas Duplicated ballots and applications. The total approved count was 12.

b. Approval of the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a certification document verifying logic and accuracy of all equipment being used for the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election. Following discussion and review, Dr. Weaver moved to accept the certification document for logic and accuracy. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The document will be executed by Chairwoman Baxton.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on the 2024 Statewide General Election Proposed Early Voting Plan – Public Comment Period. The public comment survey is available on our website and will close on April 29, 2024.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:52 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Beskind. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary