



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 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: 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

In the scheduled absence of Chairwoman Baxton, Mrs. Oxendine called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 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, Mr. Boone moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 4/16 Board meeting. Following review, Mr. Beskind moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Public Comment

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

New Business

a. Appointment of 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election Early Voting Officials

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for the Appointment of 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Early Voting Officials. Following review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to accept staff recommendations for the Appointment of 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Early Voting Officials. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

b. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a total of 9 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to approve a total of 9 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, 4-0.
- The total approved absentee counts for the April 23, 2024, meeting was 9 Civilian ballots and applications. The total approved count was 9.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on staff work to finalize sites for the 2024 Statewide General Election Early Voting Period. Mr. Bowens also informed the Board that Durham County Main Library Early Voting Site for the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary is setup and ready for the first day of voting tomorrow, April 25, 2024.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m. on a motion made by Dr. Weaver. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Secretary