



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2024
5:00 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 James P. Weaver, and Secretary David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, 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 5:04 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 a request to approve the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0. Mrs. Oxendine and Mr. Beskind were not present for this meeting.

Public Comment

No comments were provided in the chat function or in-person.

New Business

a. Sample Audit Count (Precinct 35-5 and 53-1)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request for staff to conduct the sample audit count for Precincts 35-5 and 53-1, using bi-partisan teams, for the 2024 Statewide Second Primary Election, NC Lieutenant Governor contest. Mr. Boone moved to authorize staff to proceed with the sample audit count. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

b. Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 3 Provisional Ballots in Pending status for voters who provided a Photo ID Exception Form or opted to provide a copy of a Photo ID to our office by 5:00 p.m., the day before Canvass to cure their provisional ballot. Following review, two pending ballots were moved to an Approved Status and one ballot was moved to a Not Approved Status.

- Following the status change, Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the final Provisional Statistic Results of 28 Approved and 8 Not Approved. Following discussion, Mr. Boone moved to accept the final Provisional Statistics Results as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0. As authorized by the Board, staff counted all approved provisional ballots. Following the count, Board members signed the provisional ballot results tapes and reports.

c. Review and Counting of Supplemental Absentee Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 7 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to accept the ballots and applications as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 9 absentee ballots and applications that were deemed to have been delivered late. Following discussion and physical review, Dr. Weaver moved to disapprove the 9 late ballots and applications as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- The total approved absentee counts for the May 23, 2024, meeting was 7 Civilian absentee ballots and applications. As authorized by the Board, staff counted the approved supplemental absentee ballots. Following the count, Board members signed the supplemental absentee ballot results tapes and reports.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens reminded the Board that tomorrow's Canvass meeting on May 24, 2024, will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:37 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary