



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 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 L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, Election Services Manager Rebecca Troedsson, 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 5:33 p.m. at the Durham County Board of Elections Office (3825 S. Roxboro St. Suite 101 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. Beskind 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 8/8 and 9/12 Board meetings. Following review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

Two comments were provided in the public comment portal, and one was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a total of 350 absentee applications and ballots recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 350 applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Beskind 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.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Pending and 2 Pending Cure applications and ballots for review. The 3 applications and ballots did not require action from the Board.
- The total approved absentee counts for the October 1, 2024, meeting was 7 Civilian, 342 Military/Overseas Duplicated and 1 Accepted Cured applications and ballots. The total approved count was 350.

b. Approval of 2024 Statewide General 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 General 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 was executed by Chairwoman Baxton.

c. Appointment of 2024 Statewide General Election Early Voting Workers

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for the Appointment of 2024 Statewide General Election Early Voting Workers. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to accept the staff recommendations for the Appointment of 2024 Statewide General Election Early Voting Workers. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0

d. Notice of Registration Denial Appeal

- Mr. Bowens was sworn in by Chairwoman Baxton preceding the presentation of evidence. On August 28, 2024, staff sent a Notice of Denial of Registration Due to a Felony Conviction to Mr. Darrell Jermaine Hart, consistent with NC Gen. Stat. §163-82.7(b), due to a purported felony conviction. On September 21, 2024, we received a Notice of Registration Denial Appeal letter from Mr. Hart within the statutory appeal period pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. §163-82.18(a). Following review and discussion of the evidence provided, Mr. Beskind moved to dismiss the Notice of Denial of Registration Due to a Felony Conviction and approve Mr. Hart's registration. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. An order will be prepared for execution by Chairwoman Baxton.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update on precinct official recruitment and assignments.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Beskind. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary