



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Bill Brian
Secretary Dawn Baxton
Member Margaret Griffin

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens
Deputy Director Samuel Gedman
Deputy Director Daniel Lassiter
Election Administrator Deborah Hart
Elections Administrator Rose Wolf
GIS/Information Specialist Rebekah Webb
Sample Audit Count Team

County attorney present: Senior Assistant County Attorney Willie Darby

Audience members present: Susan Pochapsky, Susan Weaver, and Alan Resley

Introductory matters

Chairman Brian called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the November 16, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

New business

2017 General Election Sample Audit Count

Mr. Bowens informed the Board that the State Board of Elections selected the Durham mayoral race in precincts 48 and 16 for the sample audit count in Durham County. Mr. Bowens introduced all members of the sample audit count team.

Ms. Griffin moved that the Board approve starting the sample audit count following the conclusion of new business. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Counting of Supplemental Absentee Ballots

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 54 supplemental absentee ballots recommended for approval and 13 recommended for disapproval due to deficiencies. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the 54 supplemental absentee ballots and reject the 13 deficient absentee ballots in accordance with the recommendation of staff. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Counting of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the list of provisional ballots received for the 2017 Municipal General Election. Mr. Bowens recommended that 192 of the ballots be approved and 117 ballots not be approved. Following review, Ms. Griffin moved that the Board accept the recommendation of staff. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. The Board signed the poll book of provisional voters.

Mr. Bowens informed the Board that three of the rejected provisional ballot applications would be referred to the State Board of Elections due to a potential double voting attempt.

After review of provisional and absentee ballots, Chairman Brian instructed staff to begin the counting of provisional and supplemental absentee ballots per the previously passed resolution. Prior to the start of counting, Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a zero results tape to verify that the machine was cleared.

Following the count of all ballots, the Board signed the results tapes, supplemental certified list, supplemental oaths, and the supplemental absentee abstract. Staff uploaded all results to the internal reporting software in preparation for the canvass meeting.

Public comment and questions

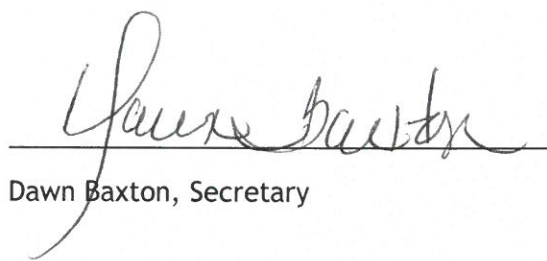
No public comments were provided during the designated period.

General discussion

Mr. Bowens informed the Board that the sample audit count of precincts 48 and 16 for the Durham mayoral race reconciled with the machine count.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 3:07 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Griffin, seconded by Secretary Baxton, which passed 3-0.



Dawn Baxton, Secretary