

# DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

## DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

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#### Members present

Chairman Bill Brian

Secretary Dawn Baxton

Member Margaret Griffin

#### Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens

Deputy Director George McCue

Chief Human Resources Officer Kathy Everett-Perry

Human Resources Manager Rod Walton

**County attorney present:** Senior Assistant County Attorney Willie Darby

**Audience members present:** Philip Lehman, Susan Pochapsky, Michael Gray, Susan Weaver, Herb Amey and Rae Thompson

#### Introductory matters

Chairman Brian called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the January 16, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes presented by staff for the December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Griffin moved to approve the minutes presented by staff, as amended. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

## Director's report

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a financial update related to the cost of the 2017 Municipal Elections and legislative/litigation updates related to the status of Cooper vs. Berger/Moore and redistricting (federal and state).

Mr. Bowens also informed the Board that staff would begin preparation of a proposed 2018 Primary Elections Absentee One-Stop Voting Implementation Plan. Mr. Bowens also informed the Board that staff would issue a survey to community members soliciting feedback on early voting.

## Closed Session

Ms. Griffin moved to go into closed session for authorized purposes pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(6) to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Baxton seconded that motion, which passed 3-0. The Board began closed session at approximately 5:15 PM.

Upon returning to open session at 5:37 p.m., Chairman Brian reported that the Board gave instructions to staff.

## New business

### Purchase of Voting Equipment

Mr. Bowens proposed that the Board delay the purchase of the DS200 voting machines (65) until FY 19 due to limited time for training and implementation ahead of the 2018 Primary Elections cycle. Following discussion, Ms. Griffin moved that the Board progress forward with the purchase of all equipment previously approved, but delaying use of the DS200 voting machines until the new fiscal year. Secretary Baxton seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

## Public comment and questions


Mr. Bowens responded to questions from Susan Pochapsky and Michael Gray related to the cost of the 2017 Municipal Elections.

## General discussion

There was no general discussion provided during the designated period.

## Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Griffin, seconded by Secretary Baxton, and passing 3-0.

  
Dawn Baxton, Secretary