



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Luke Farley
Vice Chairman and Secretary Philip Lehman
Member Pamela Oxendine
Member Michael Gray

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens
Deputy Director Samuel Gedman

County attorney present: No

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

Meeting opening

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Gray moved to approve the agenda. The motion was successfully passed 4-0. The Board reviewed draft minutes of the previous meetings held on October 23,30 and November 5,6,13,15 and 16 2018. Secretary Lehman moved to approve the minutes. The motion successfully passed 4-0.

Director's Report

Director Bowens presented a report to the Board on list maintenance, finances, legislative and legal updates, the 2019 election calendar and the acquisition of new voting equipment. Mr. Bowens and Mr. Gedman provided information regarding the temporary relocation of the Board of Elections while the Judicial Annex undergoes extensive renovation.

New Business

Director Bowens presented the Board with a meeting schedule for 2019, which called for regular meetings to be primarily held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The proposed schedule also incorporated special meetings, as required by statute, into the regular meeting schedule. After discussion Mr. Gray moved to adopt the schedule as presented by Mr. Bowens. The motion successfully passed 4-0.

The Board considered a complaint filed by Democratic Party Chair Stephen Gheen regarding the conduct of a candidate during the 2018 general election. Mr. Lehman proposed that Mr. Bowens draft a letter to be sent to the candidate informing him of electioneering restrictions in North Carolina. The motion passed successfully 4-0.

Public comment and questions

Public comments were provided regarding signatures on absentee ballots after legal changes.

Closed session; general discussion; adjournment

The Board moved to go into closed session for a permitted purpose as allowed under G.S. 143-318.11(1) and the Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002. The motion was made by Secretary Lehman and passed 4-0. The Board met in closed session from approximately 6:15p.m. to 6:32 p.m. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board returned to open session, and Chairman Farley announced that the board took no action.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. on a motion made by Secretary Lehman, which passed 4-0.



~~Philip Lehman~~, Secretary

