

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, April11, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Members present

Chairman Philip Lehman Secretary Luke Farley Member Pamela Oxendine Member Michael Gray Member Dawn Baxton

Staff present

Elections Director Derek Bowens Deputy Director Samuel Gedman

County attorney present: No

Audience members present: See attendance sheet

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Lehman led the meeting in a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Duke Street explosion and to show appreciation for the first responders and the affected community.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Gray moved to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with draft minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting. Following review, Mr. Gray moved to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on list maintenance, finance, legislative activity, pending litigation at the state level, the date and location of the Summer State Board of Elections training conference, the imminent proposal of precinct relocations, and photo identification implementation.

Public comment and questions

Public comments and questions were presented on the locations and hours of One-Stop early voting both in 2019 and in the 2020 Federal Elections.

New Business

Adoption of One-Stop Voting Plan for 2019 Municipal Elections

Mr. Bowens presented the board with options for an early-voting plan for the Municipal Primary and Election this coming Fall. Following discussion and comments, Chairman Lehman moved to table the discussion until the May 9 meeting, due to the possibility of statutory changes that would permit flexibility in early voting hours for odd-numbered year elections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton, which passed 5-0.

Luke J. Farley, Sr., Secretary