



DURHAM COUNTY

Board of Elections

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Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, January 09, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members present

Phil Lehman, Chairman
Michael Gray, Secretary
Pamela Oxendine, Member
Dawn Baxton, Member

Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director

County officials present: N/A

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.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Oxendine seconded and all approved, 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 12/12/2019 Board meeting. Following review, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 4-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on list maintenance, finances, applicable legislation/litigation, the State Board of Elections Conference, election preparation, a voting enclosure change - Precinct 30-2 and the Elections Open House Event.

Public Comment

Comments were made by several members of the public regarding access to Board meeting agenda packets and Absentee-by-Mail.

Old Business

- a. Public Hearing and Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 19
 - Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to adopt the resolution for a Polling Place change for Precinct 19. The site will be moved from Merrick-Moore Elementary School to the American Legion Post #7. Ms. Oxendine seconded the motion and all approved, 4-0.

New Business

- a. Election of Board Secretary
 - Following discussion, Mr. Lehman made a motion to nominate Michael Gray as Secretary of the Board. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- b. Public Hearing and Adoption of Polling Place Change for Precinct 53-2
 - Following discussion, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to adopt the resolution for a Polling Place change for Precinct 53-2. The site will be moved from Barbee's Chapel Baptist Church to Waypoint Church. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- c. Resolution to Adopt a Time for Counting Absentee Ballots
 - Following discussion, Mr. Lehman made a motion to adopt the resolution on a Time for Counting Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- d. Approval of Candidate Withdrawal (Steven Sosebee)
 - Following discussion, Mr. Gray made a motion to grant the request from Steven Sosebee, Republican Candidate for NC House District 31, to be removed as a candidate from the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

General Discussion

No comments were provided during General Discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.



Michael H. Gray
Secretary