

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 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 Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager Eric Brown, Elections System Specialist Alan Resley, Elections Absentee Assistant

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 01/09/2020 Board meeting. Following review, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 4-0.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee Ballots

- After review of the absentee ballot applications, Chairman Lehman moved to approve 45 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff (Includes absentee-by-mail only). The motion was approved by all, 4-0.
- Chairman Lehman moved to reject 3 applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff. The deficiencies were due to the voter insufficiently completing the absentee return envelope and undeliverable mail. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.
- Chairman Lehman made a motion for staff to duplicate non machine-readable ballots and scan all approved absentee ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.
- b. Approve 2020 Primary Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing
 - After review of the documentation provided to the Board, Mr. Gray moved to approve the 2020 Primary Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.

Public Comments and Questions

There were no comments or questions from the public.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update regarding One-Stop Sites being setup on 2/12/2020 in preparation for the start of One-Stop on 2/13/2020.

Closed Session

Chairman Lehman moved for the Board to meet in closed session as allowed under (N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-318.11(a)(1) and 143-318.11(a)(7)). The Board met in closed session from approximately 5:37 p.m. to 5:58 p.m. At the end of the closed session, the Board returned to open session.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.

Michael H. Gray Secretary

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