



DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Minutes of Emergency Board Meeting (Telephonic) Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:00 P.M.

Members present

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

Staff present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director

County officials present: N/A

Audience members present: N/A

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board meeting was held telephonically. Mr. Irby was not able to attend this Board meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

- a. Temporary Elimination of In-Person Public Access to the Durham County Board of Elections Office in Response to COVID-19
 - Mr. Bowens was informed by the County Manager that most county departments would be closing to in-person public access effective Monday, January 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following receipt of this information, Mr. Bowens informed Chairman Lehman that the Board would need to issue an order to close consistent with the County since this situation is not covered under the joint memorandum of understanding between the County and Board of Elections.

Following review and requested edits to the order presented by Mr. Bowens, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the closure of the Durham County Board of Elections office to in-person visits consistent with most county departments and conditions established in the order until further action of the Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Oxendine and passed unanimously, 4-0.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael H. Gray", written over a horizontal line.

Michael H. Gray
Secretary