



DURHAM COUNTY

Board of Elections

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director

County Officials Present: N/A

Audience Members Present: N/A

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 5:02 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, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 02/25/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/3/2020, 3/12/2020, 3/17/2020 and 3/22/2020 Board meetings. Following review, Ms. Oxendine made a motion to approve the minutes and all approved, 5-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with updates on List Maintenance, Legislative/Litigation, Durham County Network Restoration, the BOE Warehouse Acquisition and COVID-19 Considerations for the 2020 General Election.

Public Comment

Comments and questions were made by members of the public via the public comment portal. These comments were read aloud during the meeting.

New Business

a. FY 20-21 Proposed Departmental Budget

- After review and discussion, Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the FY 20-21 Proposed Departmental Budget as submitted by the Director of Elections. The motion was approved by all and passed unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

There was general discussion regarding the Durham County Network Restoration and COVID-19. Staff are mostly teleworking and work in the office on an as-needed basis to continue general office operations. The County has not provided a timeline for when resources will be fully restored, but as mentioned in the Director's report, a few critical systems have been restored that allows the Board of Elections to continue servicing the public.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.



Michael H. Gray
Secretary