



DURHAM COUNTY

Board of Elections

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 2:00 P.M.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Derek Bowens, Elections Director
Brenda Baker, Deputy Director
Daniel Lassiter, Elections Manager
James Graves, Elections Systems Specialist

County Officials Present: N/A

Audience Members Present: See attendance log.

Meeting opening

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda and all approved, 5-0.

Public Comment and Questions

Comments and questions were made by members of the public via the public comment portal and in-person.

New Business

a. Certified List Revision

- Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a revised certified list. After review of the absentee certified lists, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the lists. The motion was approved by all, 5-0. In total the Board approved 163,336 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

b. Poll Book of Absentee Voters

- Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a list of Poll Book Absentee Voters. After review of the provided list, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the Poll Book of Absentee Voters. The motion was approved by all, 5-0. The total number of absentee ballots to be counted was listed as 163,366. Mr. Bowens informed the Board that there will be variances between the list and actual ballots cast that would be resolved following voter history reconciliation.

c. Counting of Absentee Ballots

- The Board began its count of all absentee ballots per a previously passed resolution. Polls were closed on voting equipment used to count absentee ballots. The Board reviewed this process and once complete, signed results tapes printed from the tabulation equipment. Following the close of the polls, staff was authorized by the Board to upload election results into the tabulation software and publish to the State Board of Elections website.

d. Voter Challenges

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a list of challenges for the 2020 General Election. In total, the number of voters required to be challenged for the 2020 General Election is 95. Following the reading of the names required to be challenged, Mr. Irby moved to enter a challenge against all 95 voters listed in the report provided by Mr. Bowens for the reasons listed. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens notified the Board that each challenged voter would be notified where required by law.
- The list of voters challenged along with the reasons for those challenges will be attached to these minutes.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on how Election Day is progressing.

Recess

The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the closing of the polls and Election Night Results.

Following the close of the polls, Board Members oversaw the receipt and upload of election results from the county's 57 precincts.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:50 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

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

Michael H. Gray, Secretary