



# DURHAM COUNTY Board of Elections

## DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### Minutes of Board Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2020 10:00 A.M.

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#### **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  
David Beuttel, Elections Logistics Manager  
Rebecca Troedsson, Elections Specialist  
James Graves, Elections Systems Specialist  
Alan Resley, Absentee Coordinator  
Erin Lewandowski, Training and Compliance Specialist  
Casey Horvitz, Training and Compliance Manager

**County Officials Present:** Willie Darby, County Attorney

**Audience Members Present:** See attendance log.

#### **Meeting opening**

Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.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, 4-0. Ms. Baxton was not present for this motion.

### **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. Recount of the N.C. Supreme Court – Chief Justice (Beasley/Newby)
  - Mr. Bowens provided the Board with a summary of the recount process. Following discussion, the Board approved staff to begin the recount process.
- b. Preliminary Consideration of Protests
  - 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 5:56 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. At the end of the closed session, the Board returned to open session.
  - Nana Asante-Smith was present on behalf of Cheri Beasley and Heather Ford for Paul Newby.
  - Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to proceed to a hearing on both protests. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

### **Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:02 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. for the continuation of the recount.

### **Return from Recess**

The Board came out of recess on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at approximately 10:08 a.m. for the continuation of the recount.

### **Recess**

The Board recessed on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 8:02 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2020 for the continuation of the recount.

### **Return from Recess**

The Board came out of recess on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the continuation of the recount.

### **Recess**

The Board recessed on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at approximately 9:00 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020.

**Return from Recess**

The Board came out of recess on Monday, November 23, 2020 at approximately 10:02 a.m. for the continuation of the recount.

**Recess**

The Board recessed on Monday, November 23, 2020 at approximately 10:01 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

**Return from Recess**

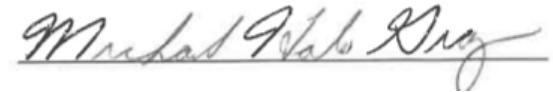
The Board came out of recess on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at approximately 10:00 a.m. for the continuation of the recount. Upon completion of the recount, the Board executed all required documentation (Chairman Philip Lehman, Member Dawn Baxton and Member Michael Gray).

**General Discussion**

There was no general discussion.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at approximately 3:52 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion was approved by 3-0.

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

Michael H. Gray, Secretary