

# **DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

# Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2020 5:00 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

County Officials Present: N/A

Audience Members Present: See attendance log.

## **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, Mr. Gray moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 12/10 Board meeting. Following review, Mr. Gray moved to approve the minutes and all approved, 5-0.

## **Director's Report**

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with an update on List Maintenance, Finances, FY2021-2022 Proposed Budget Preparations, Consolidated Facility Request, Acquisition of Additional Voting Equipment, Completion of the 2020 General Election 30-Day Sort and the 2021 Municipal Elections.

#### **Public Comment and Questions**

There were no public comments or questions.

#### **New Business**

- a. Adoption of 2021 Board of Elections Meeting Calendar
  - In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.12(a), Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the 2021 Board of Elections Meeting Calendar. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to accept the proposed meeting calendar. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.
- b. Temporary Elimination of In-Person Public Access to the Durham County Board of Elections Office in Response to COVID-19
  - Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request for temporary elimination of in-person public access to the Durham County Board of Elections Office in response to COVID-19.
    While the office will be closed to in-person visits, Board of Elections staff will conduct business as usual either remotely or in the office as needed. Following discussion, Mr. Irby moved to approve the request. The motion was approved by all, 5-0.

#### **General Discussion**

There was no general discussion.

#### **Adjournment**

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

s/Michael H. Gray Member