



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
5:00 P.M.

Board Members:

Dawn Y. Baxton, Chairwoman
Gregory D. Irby, Secretary
Philip A. Lehman, Member
Pamela A. Oxendine, Member
David K. Boone, Member

Board Members Present: Chairwoman Dawn Y. Baxton, Secretary Gregory D. Irby, Member Philip A. Lehman, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Systems and Audit Manager Daniel Lassiter

Guests in Attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:13 p.m. at the Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27703) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with updates on List Maintenance, Finances, Candidate Filing for the 2021 Municipal Elections, Logic and Accuracy Testing for the 2021 Municipal Primary Election and the 2021 Election Center National Conference.

Public Comment

No comments or questions were provided in the public chat function or through the online submission portal.

New Business

a. 2021 – 2023 Chief Judge and Judge Appointments

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Appointments made via the Parties. Following review, Mr. Irby moved to approve the recommended lists. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b. Felony Challenge Preliminary Hearing – Sivarus Williams-Jones

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with correspondence regarding Mr. Williams-Jones, verifying his probation status as active. Following discussion, Mr. Lehman made a motion that there's probable cause to suggest that Mr. Williams-Jones is ineligible to register and vote at this time. The motion

carried unanimously, 5-0. A hearing will be scheduled at the next Board Meeting on September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

c. Approval of Precinct Boundary Adjustments Beginning in 2022

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request that they approve precinct boundary adjustments, effective beginning in 2022, for Precinct 30-1, 33, 48 and 39, consistent with the Board's authorization under N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-128 and 163-132.3. Following review and discussion of the proposed precinct adjustments, Mr. Irby moved to approve the precinct adjustments. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

d. Resolution to Adopt a Polling Place Change for Precinct 35.3

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to adopt a polling place change for Precinct 35.3. The Triangle Bridge Club will no longer be eligible for use as a polling place due to their expiring lease agreement. The new polling place will be Durham Fire Station #18 (1409 Seaton Rd, Durham, NC 27713). Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to adopt the resolution for a Polling Place change for Precinct 35.3. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

e. Resolution to Maintain Out of Precinct Polling Place for Precinct 48

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to adopt a resolution passed in 2020 moving the polling place for Precinct 48 from Woodcroft Club to the Boys and Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties. Due to the current state of the pandemic, Woodcroft Club is still not suitable for voting due to limited space within the voting enclosure. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to adopt the resolution to maintain the out-of-precinct polling place at the Boys and Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties for Precinct 48. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Bowens informed the Board that this change is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

f. Resolution to Maintain Out of Precinct Polling Place for Precinct 54

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to adopt a resolution to maintain South Regional Library as the out-of-precinct polling place for Precinct 54. South Regional Library has been utilized as the polling place for Precinct 54 since 2010. Following discussion, Mr. Lehman moved to adopt the resolution to maintain the out-of-precinct polling place at South Regional Library for Precinct 54. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Bowens informed the Board that this change is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

General Discussion

Director Bowens informed the Board that East Regional Library will be added as an additional One-Stop site, and Absentee-by-mail will be starting soon with ballots being sent starting on September 3, 2021. It was also mentioned that the August 31st Board Meeting for the Review and Approval of Absentee Ballots will be cancelled due to ballots not being available until September 3rd.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:01 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member