



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 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, Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03 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, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

There was one comment provided in the public chat function regarding Absentee deadlines.

New Business

a. Approval of 2021 Municipal General Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a certification document verifying logic and accuracy of all equipment being used for the November 2, Municipal General Election. Following discussion and review, Mr. Irby made a motion to accept the certification document for logic and accuracy. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The document will be executed by Chairwoman Baxton.

b. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 5 Civilian by-mail, 2 Military by-mail and 876 One-Stop absentee ballots and applications for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Irby moved to approve a total of 883 ballots and applications and to also allow staff to scan all approved absentee-by-mail ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day in accordance with NCGS 163-234 (2) and (3). The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 21 Military/Overseas ballots for review. Following review of duplicated Military/Overseas ballots consistent with Board policy, Mr. Irby moved to approve 21 duplicated Military/Overseas ballots. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a review of 1 ballot and application that was designated as Witness Information Incomplete. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove the 1 ballot that was missing witness information. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Following the motion for the 1 Witness Information Incomplete ballot, there was no change to the approved ballot count. The approved Absentee count for the October 19, 2021 meeting was CIV 5, Mil 2, OVR 21 and One-Stop 876 for a total of 904.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with several general updates. The office also received a challenge from Mrs. Laura Gutman. She is challenging two voters who allegedly have non-existent addresses. Mr. Bowens requested that the Board conduct a preliminary hearing at the next Board Meeting on October 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to determine if probable cause exists. Mr. Lehman moved to approve that the preliminary hearing be held at the next Board Meeting on October 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Mr. Bowens will send the challenge information to the Board following today's meeting.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:37 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member