



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2022
5:15 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, Member Philip A. Lehman, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Gregory D. Irby (via zoom), and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Logistics and Systems Manager David Beuttel, and Election Systems Specialist Julius Richards

Guests in Attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. at the Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Chairwoman Baxton asked for approval to make an adjustment to the agenda for a moment of silence to recognize the life and service of former precinct official, Mr. Lester Smith. Mr. Lehman moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 2/17 Board meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried, 5-0.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with updates on list maintenance, finances, redistricting litigation, candidate filing, the State Board of Elections Spring Virtual Conference, and the BOE facility request.

Public Comment

Comments were provided in the public chat function and addressed by Director Bowens.

New Business

a. Resolution to Adopt a Polling Place Change – Precinct 25

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to adopt a polling place change from Northern High School to Lucas Middle School for Precinct 25. This change is being requested due to accessibility issues at Northern High School. Lucas Middle School is located at 923

Snow Hill Road., Durham, NC 27712. Following review, Mr. Lehman made a motion to approve the polling place change for Precinct 25 from Northern High School to Lucas Middle School. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Chairwoman Baxton executed the resolution provided by Mr. Bowens.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with information on ballot configurations for the May 17, 2022 Primary. It was also mentioned that Durham Public Schools plans to designate Election Day for both the Primary and General Election as teacher workdays. The next Board meeting is on April 12, 2022, for the review of absentee-by-mail ballots.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:47 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member