

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting Monday, May 16, 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, and Member David K. Boone

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

County Staff Present: N/A

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. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried, 4-0. Mr. Irby was not present for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 5/10 Board meeting. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried, 4-0.

Public Comment

No comments or questions were provided in the chat.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 458 Civilian, 1 Accepted Cure, and 16,030 One-Stop absentee ballots and applications for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve a total of 16,489 Civilian, Accepted Cure, and One-Stop absentee ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 20 duplicated military/overseas ballots and applications. Following physical review of duplicated military/overseas ballots consistent with Board policy, Mr.

Lehman moved to approve a total of 20 military/overseas ballots and allow staff to scan all approved absentee ballots as preparatory steps prior to the count on Election Day in accordance with NCGS 163-234 (2) and (3). The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 ballot and application designated as Pending. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the ballot. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 6 ballots and applications designated as Witness Information Incomplete and 1 ballot and application designated as Pending. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove the 7 ballots. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.
- Following the motions for the 1 Pending ballot and 6 Witness Information Missing ballots, the approved absentee counts for the May 10, 2022, meeting was CIV 459, Accepted Cure 1, MIL/OVR 20, and One-Stop 16,030. The total approved absentee ballot count was 16,510.

b. 2022 Statewide Primary and Election – Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes.
Following review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the recommended lists. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

c. Approval of the 2022 Statewide Primary and Election Certified List

• Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the 2022 Statewide Primary and Election Certified Lists. Following review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve the certified lists. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. In total, the Board approved 27,390 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on Precinct Supply Deliveries and a reminder that the Election Day Board Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Lehman. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby Member