



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 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, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, and Systems Specialist Julius Richards

County Staff Present: Acting County Attorney Willie Darby

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. Boone moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried, 3-0. Mr. Irby and Mrs. Oxendine were not present for the meeting.

Public Comment

No comments or questions were provided.

New Business

a. Candidate Challenge Hearing: Maria Jocys

- The Board was required to meet to conduct a hearing for the challenge filed by Sheriff Clarence Birkhead against Unaffiliated candidate Maria Jocys' right to be placed on the November 8, 2022, ballot as a candidate for Sheriff. After both parties were sworn in, the Board heard testimony and relied on guidance from counsel and the State Board of Elections in conducting the hearing.

Following the hearing, the Board went into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) at approximately 6:20 p.m. for consultation with counsel, and came back into regular session at approximately, 6:36 p.m. Mr. Lehman made a motion to dismiss the challenge filed by Sheriff Clarence Birkhead. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0. A detailed transcript of the hearing will be filed at the Board of Elections office once received from the court reporter.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member