



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
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, Member Philip A. Lehman, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Gregory D. Irby, and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Logistics and Systems Manager David Beuttel, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and 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 5:00 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, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

There were no comments provided in the chat function.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 356 Civilian, 3 Accepted Cured, 1 Military and 26 Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications for approval. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Lehman moved to approve a total of 356 Civilian, 3 Accepted Cured, 1 Military and 26 Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion also allowed 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, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 2 Civilian ballots and applications with a pending status due to the envelopes being torn. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to accept the 2 Civilian ballots and applications following review of State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 9 ballots and applications designated as Witness Information Incomplete, 2 of which were missing ballots. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Lehman moved to disapprove the 9 ballots and applications that were missing witness information. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Following the motions for the 2 pending and 9 witness information incomplete ballots and applications, the approved absentee accounts for the October 11, 2022, meeting was 358 Civilian, 3 Accepted Cured, 1 Military and 26 Overseas ballots. The total approved absentee count was 388.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens informed the Board of Precinct COVID-19 Protocols. Following discussion, Chairwoman Baxton moved to implement COVID-19 Protocols, requiring masks for all precinct workers for the November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election. The motion passed, 3-2 (Mr. Irby and Mr. Boone dissenting).

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:02 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Irby. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Gregory D. Irby
Member