



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Board Members:

Dawn Y. Baxton, Chairwoman
David K. Boone, Member
James P. Weaver, Member
Pamela A. Oxendine, Member
Donald H. Beskind, Member

Board Members Present: Member James P. Weaver, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member Donald H. Beskind and Member David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: See Attendance Sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

In the absence of Chairwoman Baxton, Mrs. Oxendine called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m. at the Durham County 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, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Chairwoman Baxton was not present for the meeting.

Public Comment

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 7,204 One-Stop, 68 Civilian, and 20 Military/Overseas duplicated absentee ballots and applications for approval. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to approve the 7,292 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. Mr. Boone also moved to allow staff to open and 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 ballots and applications for the following categories: 6 Civilian Affidavit Review Pending, 2 Civilian Pending Cure, 3 Civilian Witness Information Missing, and 2 Civilian Pending. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to allow staff to open

the 2 Civilian Pending Ballots due to the voter informing staff that the photocopy of their ID was inside of the ballot envelope. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Once the ballots were opened and the photocopy of IDs were deemed acceptable, Dr. Weaver moved to accept the two Civilian Pending ballots and applications as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Mr. Beskind moved to disapprove the 3 Civilian Witness Information Missing ballots and applications as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. The 2 Civilian Pending Cure ballots and applications did not require Board action.

- Following the motions for the 6 Civilian Affidavit Review, the approved absentee counts for the October 9, 2023, meeting was 7,204 One-Stop, 68 Civilian, 20 Military/Overseas, 6 Civilian Affidavit Review Pending and 2 Pending ballots and applications. The total approved absentee count was 7,300.

b. Appointment of Chief Judges and Judge Substitutes

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes. Following review and discussion, Mr. Weaver moved to accept the list of Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

c. Appointment of 2023 Municipal Primary Election Assistants

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Municipal Primary Election Assistants. Following review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to accept the list of Municipal Primary Election Assistants as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0

d. Approval of the 2023 Municipal Primary Election Certified List

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 2023 Municipal Primary Certified List. Following review, Mr. Weaver moved to accept the 2023 Municipal Primary Election Certified List. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. In total, the Board approved 11,479 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Weaver. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

s/David K. Boone
Member