



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 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: Chairwoman Dawn Y. Baxton, 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, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: Senior Assistant County Attorney Bettyna Abney

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. at the Durham County Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713).

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Beskind moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

No comments were provided.

New Business

a. Review of absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 2,331 One-Stop, 4 Civilian, 42 Military/Overseas duplicated ballots and applications for review and approval. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to accept a total of 2,377 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, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Pending Military/Overseas ballot that did not require a motion. There were no disapproved ballots for this meeting.

b. Approval of 2023 Municipal General Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a certification document verifying logic and accuracy of all equipment being used for the November 7, 2023, Municipal General Election. Following discussion and review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to accept the certification document for logic and accuracy. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The document will be executed by Chairwoman Baxton.

Closed Session

- Mr. Beskind moved that the Board enter into closed session at 5:54 p.m. under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss matters concerning Green vs. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- The Board returned to open session at 6:10 p.m. in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.10(d) to conduct business remaining before the Board.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:11 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Member