



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
2:00 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 2:00 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, Mr. Beskind moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

One public comment was provided in the chat function and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

New Business

a. Counting of Absentee Ballots

- The Board began its count of all absentee ballots per a previously passed resolution. The polls were closed on voting equipment used to count absentee ballots from the early voting period. The Board reviewed this process and once complete, signed results tapes printed from the tabulators. Following the signing of results tapes, Mrs. Oxendine moved to authorize staff to upload election results into the tabulation software and publish them to the State Board of Elections website. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Closed Session (NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3))

- Dr. Weaver moved that the Board enter into closed session at 2:25 p.m. under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss matters concerning Voto Latino et al. v. Hirsch et al. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- The Board returned to open session at 2:33 p.m. in accordance with NCGS §143-318.10(d) to conduct business remaining before the Board.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with an update on Election Day activities and staff preparations for Election Night Returns.

Recess

The Board recessed at approximately 2:37 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for the closing of the polls and Election Night Returns. Board members oversaw the receipt and upload of election results from the 58 precincts that were open for the 2023 Municipal General Election.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:13 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Member