



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Board Members:

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

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

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, 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 5:33 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, 5-0.

Public Comment

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

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-by-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 65 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 65 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 Witness Information Incomplete ballot and application for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to disapprove the 1 Witness Information Incomplete ballot and application as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Pending absentee ballot and application for review. The 1 Pending ballot and application did not require Board action.
- The approved absentee counts for the February 13, 2024, meeting was 58 Civilian and 7 Military/Overseas Duplicated ballots and applications. The total approved absentee count was 65.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens informed the board that all early voting sites have been set up in preparation for the start of early voting this Thursday, February 15, 2024.

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

Secretary