



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 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: Please see attendance sheet.

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 51 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 51 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 ballot and application for review. The 1 Pending ballot and application did not require Board action.
- The total approved absentee counts for the February 20, 2024, meeting was 38 Civilian, 4 Affidavit Review Pending and 9 Military/Overseas duplicated ballots and applications. The total approved count was 51.

General Discussion

As directed by the Chair, Mr. Bowens informed the Board that an additional meeting will be held on March 7, 2024, to review Photo ID Exception Forms that may have been submitted with Provisional Ballots and Absentee by-mail ballots submitted on Election Day.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary