



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 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 5:30 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, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

No comments were provided in the chat function or in-person.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee-by-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 153 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 153 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 and requested the Board to allow staff to retrieve the Photo ID Exception Form inside, for review. Mr. Beskind moved to allow staff to open and retrieve the Photo ID Exception Form. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to accept the 1 Pending ballot and application. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

- The total approved absentee counts for the February 27, 2024, meeting was 117 Civilian, 17 Affidavit Review Pending, 4 Accepted Cured, and 14 Military/Overseas duplicated and 1 Pending ballot and applications. The total approved count was 153.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with updates on next week's meetings on Monday, 3/4 and Tuesday, 3/5 and to be mindful of the delay of early voting results being uploaded on Election Day. Updates were also provided on Early Voting and Absentee By-Mail numbers.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:21 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary