



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 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 5:34 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 a request to amend the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the agenda as amended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The amendment includes the approval of the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing (DS850).

Public Comment

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

New Business

a. Approval of 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election Machine Logic and Accuracy Testing (DS850)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a certification document verifying logic and accuracy of the DS850 high speed counter being used for the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election. Following discussion and review, Mr. Beskind moved to certify the DS850 high speed scanner to be used for the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a total of 9 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to approve a

total of 9 ballots and applications as recommended by staff. Mr. Beskind 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 Cure ballot and application for review. This ballot and application did not require any action from the Board.
- The total approved absentee counts for the April 9, 2024, meeting was 6 Civilian and 3 Military/Overseas Duplicated ballots and applications. The total approved count was 9.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with updates on the 2024 Statewide General Election Early Voting Plan, Supplemental Budget for the 2024 Statewide Republican Second Primary Election and Board Meeting Minutes.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary