



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 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 James P. Weaver, Member Donald H. Beskind and Secretary David K. Boone

Board Staff Present: 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 5:37 p.m. at the Durham County Board of Elections Warehouse (2445 S. Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713) and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bowens was not present for the meeting. In his absence, Ms. Baker facilitated the meeting on behalf of staff.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Baker presented the Board with a request to approve the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mr. Beskind moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Mrs. Oxendine was not present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Baker presented the Board with minutes from the 4/30 Board meeting. Following review, Mr. Boone moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Public Comment

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

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Ms. Baker presented the Board with a total of 11 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Boone moved to approve a total of 11 ballots and applications as recommended by 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, 4-0.

- The total approved absentee counts for the May 7, 2024, meeting was 9 Civilian ballots and 2 Civilian Affidavit Review Pending ballots and applications. The total approved count was 11.

General Discussion

Ms. Baker provided the Board with an update on the status of Southern High School Early Voting Site – Voting Enclosure. Staff identified a suitable voting enclosure and are currently working with the principal on parking accommodations. The Board was also reminded that Monday’s meeting, May 13, 2024, is at 5:30 p.m. and the Election Day meeting, May 14, 2024, is at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Beskind. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary