



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 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 L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Systems Specialist Julius Richards, and Absentee Coordinator Alan Resley

Guests in Attendance: 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 Office (3825 S. Roxboro St. Suite 101 Durham, NC 27713) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to approve the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with minutes from the 10/1 Board meeting. Following review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

New Business

a. Recognition of Daniel Nosbusch Jr. – Winner of 2024 Future Voter Sticker Contest

- Mr. Bowens requested the Board to recognize Daniel Nosbusch Jr. as the inaugural winner of the Board of Elections/Kids Voting Durham 'Future Voter' Sticker Contest. Daniel's design will be distributed to all future voters accompanying their parents to vote or participating in the Kids Voting Durham – Voting Simulation for the 2024 Statewide General Election and beyond.

b. Review of Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

- Prior to the review of absentee by-mail ballots and applications, Mr. Bowens explained that due to the high volume, the Board may consider reviewing a sample of returned ballots and

applications and all Military/Overseas duplicated ballots recommended for approval, in accordance with SBE Numbered Memorandum 2020-25. Following discussion, Mr. Beskind moved that the Board review at least 50 randomly selected civilian absentee-by-mail applications and ballots and all duplicated Military/Overseas applications and ballots. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Ballots that were in an Accepted-Cure status were included in the sample review.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a total of 6 Pending applications and ballots where the Photo ID Exception Form or copy of the photo ID was inside of the ballot envelope. Following discussion, Mr. Boone moved for staff to open the return envelopes and retrieve the Photo ID Exception Forms or copy of a valid photo ID for evaluation. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Following review of the 6 applications and ballots, Mr. Boone moved to accept 5 of the 6 pending applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. The 1 remaining pending application and ballot was changed to a Pending Cure status due to a missing signature on the Photo ID Exception Form.
- Following physical review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve a total of 734 applications and ballots as recommended by staff. Mrs. Oxendine 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 a total of 16 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots for review. Following review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to disapprove the 16 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 4 Pending Cure applications and ballots for review. The 4 applications and ballots did not require action from the Board.
- The total approved absentee counts for the October 8, 2024, meeting was 526 Civilian, 170 Military/Overseas Duplicated, 33 Affidavit Review Pending and 5 Pending applications and ballots. The total approved count was 734.

c. Adoption of Revised 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to add meeting dates to review Photo ID Exception forms as recommended by SBE Numbered Memorandum 2023-04 and a possible recount following the election. Following discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to amend the regular meeting schedule to include meetings on November 7th at 5:30 p.m. to review Photo ID Exception forms and November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a recount if necessary. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary