



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 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 5:31 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, Mr. Boone moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Dr. Weaver was not present for this motion.

Public Comment

No comments were provided.

New Business

a. 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 19 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 envelope and retrieve the Photo ID Exception

Forms or copy of a valid photo ID for evaluation. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Following review of the 19 applications and ballots, Mr. Boone moved to accept the 19 Pending applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to approve a total of 1,151 applications and ballots 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 30 Witness Information Incomplete and 1 Not Properly Notarized applications and ballots for review. Following physical review and discussion, Mr. Beskind moved to disapprove the 30 Witness Information Incomplete and 1 Not Properly Notarized applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 11 Pending Cure applications and ballots for review. The 11 applications and ballots did not require action from the Board.
- The total approved absentee counts for the October 15, 2024, meeting was 829 Civilian, 96 Affidavit Review Pending, 1 Civilian Accepted-Cured, 205 Military/Overseas Duplicated, 19 Pending and 1 Military/Overseas Accepted-Cured applications and ballots. The total approved count was 1,151.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:43 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary