



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Friday, November 15, 2024
11:00 A.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 and Systems Specialist Julius Richards

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.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. Beskind moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Public Comment

There were no comments provided in-person or through the public comment portal.

New Business

a. Challenge Hearings

- Prior to the deadline established by N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-89 and SBE Numbered Memorandum 2022-05, a total of 73 administrative voter challenges were entered by the Board of Elections or the Director of Elections. Following discussion, the Board executed 73 individual challenge hearings. In total, the Board unanimously sustained 71 challenges and overruled two challenges following the hearings. For the sustained challenges, ballots were retrieved and deducted from the count either in full or in-part for affected voters unless ballot retrievability was not possible due to precinct official coding errors. Ballots for challenges that were overruled remained in the count. A full report on the individual challenges and the Board's final dispositions will be attached to these minutes.

b. Review of Provisional Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a revised provisional statistics report, moving the application for Kelli Farrington from not approved to an approved status following further research. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the revised provisional statistics report of 643 Approved, 261 Partial, and 1,483 Not Approved ballots and authorize staff to count the newly approved ballot. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- The total number of provisional ballots cast for the 2024 Statewide General Election was 2,387.

c. Review of Write-In Ballots

- Mr. Bowens provided the Board with the write-in results report for the 2024 Statewide General Election. In total, 3,047 write-in votes were counted and will be attached to the official abstract of votes.

d. Review of Post-Election Audit Report

- Mr. Bowens provided the Board with the results of the post-election audit report. In total, there were four unresolved discrepancies out of 181,739 total ballots cast which amounts to a 0.002% error rate. Mr. Bowens also informed the Board that he would distribute the full post-election audit report to the Board following the canvass.

e. Canvass of the 2024 Statewide General Election

- Mr. Bowens requested that the Board approve the results of the 2024 Statewide General Election. Following discussion, Mr. Boone moved to approve the results of the 2024 Statewide General Election and execute the required abstracts in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.6(a). The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens informed the Board about the possibility of a statewide recount in the North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Race (Seat 06). In accordance with the requirements 08 NCAC 09 .0107, which requires mandatory recounts to begin no later than three business days from the date the recount is demanded, Mr. Bowens requested that the Board change its scheduled date to conduct a recount from November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. to November 20th at 10:00 a.m. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to change the date of a possible recount for the North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Race (Seat 06) to November 20th at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 5:41 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Boone. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary