



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
10:00 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 and Deputy Director Brenda Baker

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person and Zoom

Meeting Opening

Chairwoman Baxton called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 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. Canvass Abstract Corrections

- Mr. Bowens requested that the Board authorize staff to perform technical corrections to the official canvass abstract related to manual edits previously approved by the Board. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the canvass abstract technical corrections as requested by staff. The motion was carried unanimously, 5-0.

Staff printed corrected canvass abstracts, which were executed by all Board members.

b. Recount – NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 06)

- Mr. Bowens provided the Board with the procedures governing the recount of the NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Race (Seat 06) and introduced the bi-partisan teams that would be executing the recount. Following discussion, the Board unanimously authorized staff to begin the machine recount of 181,739 ballots cast during the 2024 Statewide General Election.

- The recount began on November 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and concluded on November 23, 2024, at approximately 9:45 p.m. under the continuous supervision of Board members from each political party in accordance with 08 NCAC 09.0106(h). The certified recount results for the North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Race (Seat 06) are as follows:

Candidate Name	Canvass Results	Recount Results	Total Votes Cast
Allison Riggs	145,413	145,399	-14
Jefferson G. Griffin	32,529	32,516	-13
Over Votes	45	59	14
Under Votes	3,752	3,768	16

Following review of the recount results, the Board executed the recount abstracts.

Emergency Business (11/21/2024)

a. Preliminary Consideration of Election Protests Filed by Jefferson Griffin

- The Board conducted a preliminary consideration hearing on three timely submitted protests, filed by candidate Jefferson G. Griffin, in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.10. Following evaluation of the protest in accordance with the standards established under N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.10(a)(1), Mr. Boone moved to dismiss the protests due to lack of probable cause that a violation of the election law or irregularity or misconduct occurred. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:47 p.m. on November 23, 2024, on a motion made by Mr. Beskind. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/David K. Boone
Secretary