



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Friday, November 14, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Board Members:

David K. Boone, Chairman
Pamela A. Oxendine, Secretary
Dawn Y. Baxton, Member
Natalie Beauchaine, Member
James P. Weaver, Member

Board Members Present: Chairman David K. Boone, Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member James P. Weaver, Member Natalie F. Beauchaine and Member Dawn Y. Baxton

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

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone 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, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

a. Voter Challenge Hearings and Administrative Retrievals

- Michael Sarratt: Mr. Bowens was sworn in by Chairman Boone prior to beginning the hearing. Mr. Sarratt nor his representative was present at the hearing. Mr. Bowens explained that Mr. Sarratt's ballot was being challenged due to an active felony conviction. He provided records from the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections (NCDAC) indicating that Mr. Sarratt was still serving an active sentence. Following evaluation and discussion of the evidence provided, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to sustain the challenge and to allow staff to take the appropriate measures to cancel or correct Michael Sarratt's voter registration record, as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-90.2. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. An order on the Board's decision will be prepared and sent to Chairman Boone for execution.
- Ann Lee Simon: Still under oath, Mr. Bowens explained that Ann Simon's ballot was administratively challenged by the Director of Elections, as authorized by the State Board of Elections, due to her name appearing on a weekly Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) report as being deceased. Mr. Bowens presented documentation from the DHHS report showing a death date of 11/2/2025, which was prior to Election Day. Following evaluation and discussion of the evidence provided, Ms. Baxton moved to sustain the challenge and to allow staff to take the appropriate

measures to cancel or correct Ann Simon’s voter registration record, as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-90.2. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. An order will be prepared and sent to Chairman Boone for execution.

- Mr. Bowens reported that Stephanie Seymour voted by Same-Day Registration on 10/22 during early voting. Staff found that her verification card had been returned undeliverable, leaving the registration incomplete due to mail verification failure. Under Numbered Memorandum 2023-05, voters may provide proof of residency by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the county canvass or present evidence as to their residence in person at the canvass meeting. Ms. Seymour attended the meeting and provided a bank statement verifying her Durham County residency. After review and discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to accept Ms. Seymour’s documentation as residency verification for Same-Day registration. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-82.6(b) and Numbered Memorandum 2023-05, the early voting ballot for Yaminah Limeage was retrieved and deducted due to mail verification failure and lack of timely cure documentation.

b. Review of Post-Election Audit Report

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board the results of the post-election audit report. In total, there was 1 unresolved, but explainable, discrepancy out of 46,572 total ballots cast which amounts to a 0.002% error rate. The full post-election audit report was distributed to the Board for review and discussion.

c. Canvass of the 2025 Municipal General Election

- Mr. Bowens presented 2 Provisional Ballots and Applications to the Board for status reconsideration following further review by staff. Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to change the ballot status for Linzy Semon and Daniel Amey from ‘Not Approved’ to an ‘Approved’ status. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. As a result of these changes, the provisional approved count increased to 576.
- Mr. Bowens requested that the Board approve the results for the 2025 Municipal General Election. Following discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to approve the results of the 2025 Municipal 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 updated the Board on voter experience survey submissions for the election and highlighted an overall satisfaction rating of 4.89. He also informed the Board that the 2026 election calendar will be released soon and confirmed that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments and Questions

No comments were provided in the public comment portal and one comment was provided in-person. Mr. Bowens addressed all comments.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

s/Pamela A. Oxendine
Secretary