



Regular Meeting Agenda Durham County Board of Elections

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David K. Boone (C-R) | Natalie F. Beauchaine (R) | Pamela A. Oxendine (D) | James P. Weaver (R) | Dawn Y. Baxton (D) |

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: BOE Office

1. Meeting Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Approval of Agenda
- d. Approval of Minutes (2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/3, 3/6, 3/12, and 3/13)

2. Director's Report

- a. Legal Update
- b. List Maintenance Update
- c. Financial Update
- d. Soil and Water Candidate Filing
- e. 2026 Municipal Primary Election Reimbursement – City of Raleigh
- f. Presentation on Municipal Elections to Durham City Council
- g. State Board of Elections Summer Conference
- h. 2025 Annual Report

3. General Discussion

4. Public Comment and Questions

- Public comments and questions received prior to the opening of the public comment and questions period will be read aloud and responded to as appropriate. To submit comments or questions, complete our survey by clicking [here](#).

5. Adjournment



DURHAM COUNTY

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Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

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Section:

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Item #/Subject:

c. Approval of Agenda

Applicable Statutes and/or Rules:

N/A

Summary:

N/A

Resource(s):

N/A

Board Action Required:

Board Action Required



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d. Approval of Minutes

Applicable Statutes and/or Rules:

N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ [163-31](#) and [143-318.10\(e\)](#)

Summary:

This includes minutes from the 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/3, 3/6, 3/12, and 3/13 Board meetings.

Resource(s):

Elections Director Derek Bowens

Attachments:

Draft minutes for the meeting.

Board Action Required:

Board Action Required



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
5:30 P.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 Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards and Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 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 a request to approve minutes from the 2/10 Board meeting. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

a. Adoption of FY 2026-2027 Budget

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the recommended FY 2026-2027 Departmental Budget for approval. The budget will cover July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, which includes the 2026 November General Election. The total budget request, excluding Budget Department entries, is \$1,814,128.00. Following review and discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to accept the FY 2026-2027 recommended budget as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

b. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 56 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Dr. Weaver moved to approve a total of 56 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. Dr. Weaver 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 2 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots for review. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to disapprove the 2 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The effected voters were reissued an application and ballot per State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 application and ballot where both the inner and outer envelope were unsealed upon return to the Board of Elections. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to disapprove the ballot consistent with State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03, per the recommendation of staff. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. The voter was reissued an application and ballot per State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03.
- The approved counts for the February 17, 2026, meeting was 46 Civilian, 2 Accepted-Exception Civilian, 1 Accepted-Cured Civilian, and 8 Military/Overseas duplicated applications and ballots. The total approved absentee count was 57.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided the Board with updates on Early Voting, the deadline for requesting an absentee by-mail ballots, and results from the Voter Experience Survey. He also e provided an update on an observer-related issue.

Public Comments and Questions

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
5:30 P.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: Member Pamela A. Oxendine, Member James P. Weaver, Member Natalie Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards and Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

In the absence of Chairman Boone, Dr. Weaver called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 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, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 151 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to approve a total of 151 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. Mrs. Beauchaine 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 amongst members present, 4-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Civilian Pending application and ballot where a copy of the Photo ID was inside of the ballot envelope. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved for staff to open the ballot envelope and retrieve the Photo ID for evaluation. The motion passed amongst members present, 3-1, with Dr. Weaver dissenting. Following review, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to accept the 1 application and ballot as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Witness Information Incomplete application and ballot for review. Following review and discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to disapprove the 1 Witness Information Incomplete application and ballot per the recommendation of staff. The motion passed unanimously amongst members present, 4-0. The voters were reissued an application and ballot per State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03.
- The approved counts for the February 24, 2026, meeting was 110 Civilian, 8 Accepted-Exception Civilian, 2 Accepted-Cured Civilian, 2 Military/Overseas By-Mail, 2 Military/Overseas duplicated Accepted-Cured and 28 Military/Overseas duplicated applications and ballots. The total approved absentee count was 152.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update on the upcoming Board meetings scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on March 2, 2026, and 2:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026. He also shared updates on early voting turnout, the Voter Experience Dashboard, staff training, the Modernization of Election Data Systems (MEDS) Commission, and a threat incident that occurred at the Main Library on February 16th.

Public Comments and Questions

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026
5:30 P.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 Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards and Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 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, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 209 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to approve a total of 209 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. Mrs. Beauchaine 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 3 Civilian Pending applications and ballots where a copy of the Photo ID was inside the ballot envelope. Following discussion, Mrs. Beauchaine moved for staff to open the ballot envelopes and retrieve the Photo IDs for evaluation. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. Following review of the 3 Civilian Pending applications and ballots, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to accept the 3 applications and ballots as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 3 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots for review. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to disapprove the

3 Witness Information Incomplete applications and ballots per the recommendation of staff. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0. The effected voters were reissued an application and ballot per State Board of Elections Numbered Memorandum 2021-03.

- The approved counts for the March 2, 2026, meeting was 136 Civilian, 23 Accepted-Exception Civilian, 2 Accepted-Cured Civilian, 50 Military/Overseas duplicated, 1 Military/Overseas Accepted-Exception duplicated applications and ballots. The total approved absentee count was 212.

b. Appointment of Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes for the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election. Following review and discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to accept the list of 37 Chief Judge and Judge Substitutes as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

c. Appointment of 2026 Statewide Primary and Election Precinct Assistants

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with staff recommendations for Election Precinct Assistants for the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election. Following review and discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to accept the list of 315 Election Precinct Assistants as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

d. Approval of 2026 Statewide Primary and Election Certified List

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election Certified List. Following review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve the certified lists. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. In total, the Board approved 524 absentee ballots to be counted on Election Day.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update on final early voting turnout and reported that two challenges were scheduled to be presented before the Board on Election Day. He also provided updates on the Voter Experience Dashboard, the Unvalidated DL/SSN Dashboard, early voting machine-rejected ballots that need to be counted on Election Day, and completed supply deliveries to all 58 polling places.

Public Comments and Questions

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
2:00 P.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 Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, and Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 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.

New Business

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail Ballots (2:00 PM)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 84 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Mrs. Oxendine moved to approve a total of 84 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Civilian Pending application and ballot where a copy of the Photo ID was inside of the ballot envelope. Following discussion, Mrs. Beauchaine moved for staff to open the ballot envelopes and retrieve the Photo IDs for evaluation. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Following review of the 1 Civilian Pending application and ballot, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to accept the 1 application and ballot as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- The approved counts for the March 3, 2026, meeting were 69 Civilian and 16 Military/Overseas duplicated applications and ballots. The total approved absentee count was 85.

Recess

The Board recessed at approximately 2:57 p.m. and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for the closing of the polls on early voting tabulators and to oversee Election Night Returns.

a. Review of Absentee By-Mail ballots (6:30 PM)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 52 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve a total of 52 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 Witness Information Incomplete application and ballots for review. Following review and discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to disapprove the 1 Witness Information Incomplete application and ballot per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- The approved counts for the March 3, 2026, meeting following recess was 8 Civilian, 1 Civilian Accepted-Cured, 17 Civilian Accepted-Exception, 24 Military/Overseas and 2 Military/Overseas Accepted-Exception duplicated applications and ballots. The total approved absentee count for the meeting was 137.

b. Counting of Early Voting Ballots (7:30 PM)

- The Board authorized staff to close the polls on all tabulators used during the early voting period. Upon completion of the counting process, the Board signed results tapes from each tabulator. Following the signing of the results tapes, Ms. Baxton moved to authorize staff to upload all results into the tabulation software and publish them to the State Board of Elections website for public access. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

c. Voter Challenges

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to enter a challenge against Sri Suratman, who voted in the incorrect party primary based on their registration record in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. Following discussion, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to enter the challenge against Sri Suratman in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The voter will be notified, and a challenge hearing will be held at the county canvass meeting.
- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to enter a challenge against Aamori Timmons, who is not a registered voter in Durham County, in accordance with Numbered 2022-05. Following discussion, Mrs. Oxendine moved to enter the challenge against Aamori Timmons in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. The voter will be notified, and a challenge hearing will be held at the county canvass meeting.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update regarding extended voting hours in Halifax County, noting that results will not be publicly released until 8:30 p.m. He reported that the final absentee pollbook count is 661 and informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Public Comments and Questions

There were no comments or questions.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:37 p.m., on a motion made by Ms. Baxton. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2026
2:00 P.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 James P. Weaver, Member Natalie Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards, Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter, and Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 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. Mrs. Oxendine was not present for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to approve the agenda for the meeting. Following review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.

New Business

a. Sample Audit Count (Precincts 23 and 33-2)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request for staff to conduct the sample audit count for Precincts 23 and 33-2, using bi-partisan teams, for the March 3, 2026, Statewide Primary and Election in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.2(b)(2). Ms. Baxton moved to authorize staff to proceed with the sample audit count. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0. Following the sample audit count, Mr. Bowens informed the Board that there were no discrepancies between the machine count and hand-to-eye count.

b. Counting of Approved Provisional Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a provisional ballot statistics report recommending that 284 be fully approved, 219 be partially approved, and 203 not be approved. Following discussion, Mrs. Beauchaine moved to accept the provisional disposition recommendations presented by staff as reflected on the provisional ballot statistics report. The motion carried

unanimously amongst members present, 4-0. Partial ballots were duplicated by bi-partisan teams under the previously adopted Ballot Duplication Policy BOE-001.

c. Counting of Approved Supplemental Ballots

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 3 absentee ballots and applications recommended for approval, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve a total of 3 ballots and applications per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.
- The approved counts for the March 6, 2026, meeting was 1 Civilian, 1 Civilian Accepted-Cured and 1 Military/Overseas Duplicated ballots and applications. The total approved absentee count was 3.

d. Manual Edits (Reconciliation)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to process manual edits for Precincts 02, 44 and 26 for reconciliation purposes. Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to approve the manual edits as recommended by staff for reconciliation purposes. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0. A manual edit report will be provided to the Board at the county canvass meeting.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update on upcoming Board meetings scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026, and 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026. He also informed the Board of an administrative challenge entered against the application and ballot of Mae Ethel Parker.

Public Comments and Questions

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Beauchaine. The motion carried unanimously amongst members present, 4-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
2:00 P.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 Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Election Services Manager Julius Richards, Ballot Processing and Audit Manager Adam Byrnes and Election Training Specialist Jabria Ingram

Guests in Attendance: See attendance sheet

Meeting Type: In-Person

Meeting Opening

Chairman Boone called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 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.

New Business

a. Counting of Approved Supplemental Absentee Ballots (NCGS 163-231(b)(2))

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with 1 supplemental Pending Military/Overseas duplicated absentee ballot and application with a Photo ID issue in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2025-02, for review. Following discussion and physical review, Ms. Baxton moved to approve a total of 1 supplemental Military/Overseas duplicated ballot and application ,for federal contests only, in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2025-02 per the recommendation of staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- Mr. Bowens presented 2 provisional ballots and applications to the Board for status reconsideration following further review by staff. Following discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to change the ballot status for Rayshon Treadwell and Laceara Lucas from 'Not Approved' to an 'Approved' status. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. As a result of these changes, the provisional approved count increased from 284 to 286.

b. Counting of Write-In Ballots (NCGS 163-182.2(a)(2))

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to authorize bi-partisan teams to count 510 write-in votes for the March 3, 2026, Statewide Primary and Election. Following discussion, Dr. Weaver moved to authorize staff to proceed with counting write-in votes for the March 3, 2026, Statewide Primary and Election. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens reminded the Board of the next meeting scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026.

Public Comments and Questions

No comments were provided in-person or in the public comment portal.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 3:14 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Oxendine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Elections Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2026
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 Beauchaine and Member Dawn Baxton

Board Staff Present: Elections Director Derek L. Bowens, Deputy Director Brenda Baker, Election Services Manager Julius Richards and Voter Services Manager Daniel Lassiter

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. Beauchaine moved to approve the agenda as submitted by staff. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

a. Voter Challenge Hearings (NCGS 163-182.5(a) and NM 2022-05)

- Following the swearing-in of all witnesses, Chairman Boone proceeded with challenge hearings for Mae Ethel Parker, Aamori Timmons, and Sri Suratman. Neither the challenged voters nor representatives were present for the challenge hearings.
 - Mae Ethel Parker: Mr. Bowens explained that Mae Ethel Parker'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 2/21/2026, which was prior to Election Day. Following evaluation and discussion of the evidence provided, Ms. Baxton moved to sustain the challenge and take all authorized actions in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. An order will be prepared and sent to Chairman Boone for execution.

- Aamori Timmons: Mr. Bowens provided documentation showing Ms. Timmons as an active registrant in Guilford County since 10/10/2025, which postdates her registration in Durham County (5/22/2024). Following evaluation and discussion of the evidence provided, Mrs. Oxendine moved to sustain the challenge and to allow staff to retrieve the ballot and take all authorized actions in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. An order will be prepared and sent to Chairman Boone for execution.
- Sri Suratman: Mr. Bowens provided documentation showing Ms. Suratman as an active registrant with the Green Party. Following evaluation and discussion of the evidence provided, Dr. Weaver moved to sustain the challenge and to allow staff to retrieve the ballot and take all authorized actions in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2022-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0. An order will be prepared and sent to Chairman Boone for execution.

b. Early Voting Ballot Retrievals (NCGS 163-82.6B and NM 2023-05)

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with a request to retrieve and deduct early voting ballots for Ricky Henderson, Brayndon Stafford, Charles Cambra, Tessa David, Paul Forte, Jr., Patrick Hance and Ricky Henderson due to failed mail verification consistent with N.C. Gen. §163-82.6B and Numbered Memorandum 2023-05. Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to allow staff to retrieve the ballots and take all authorized actions in accordance with Numbered Memorandum 2023-05. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

c. Review of the Post-Election Audit Report

- Mr. Bowens presented the Board with the results of the post-election audit report, which confirmed zero discrepancies between ballots cast and voter history. The full post-election audit report was distributed to the Board for review and discussion.

d. Canvass of the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election

- Mr. Bowens requested that the Board certify the results of the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election. Following discussion, Ms. Baxton moved to certify the results of the 2026 Statewide Primary and Election and execute the required abstracts in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.6(a). The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

General Discussion

Mr. Bowens provided an update on the Voter Experience Dashboard and upcoming meetings of the Board.

Public Comments and Questions

One comment was provided in-person and addressed by Mr. Bowens.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m., on a motion made by Mrs. Beauchaine. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary



DURHAM COUNTY

Board of Elections

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Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: BOE Office

Section:

2. Director's Report

Item #/Subject:

N/A

Applicable Statutes and/or Rules:

N.C. Gen. Stat. § [163-35](#)

Summary:

- a. Legal Update
 - Executive orders issued by the President Trump
 - Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections (3/25)
 - Ensuring Citizenship Verification and Integrity of Federal Elections (3/31)
- b. List Maintenance Update
 - Statistical overview of voter registration and list maintenance activity as of April 6th.
 - Status of the Registration Repair Project in Durham County
- c. Financial Update
 - Salaries and Benefits expended through April 6th of FY 25-26
 - Operating Expenses through April 6th of FY 25-26
 - Revenue through April 6th of FY 25-26
 - Overall expenditures through April 6th of FY 25-26
- d. Soil and Water Candidate Filing
 - Candidate filing for the office of Soil and Water Conservation District will occur from June 8th (12:00 p.m.) to July 6th (12:00 p.m.). The filing fee for the office of Soil and Water Conservation District will be \$5.00 in accordance with NC Gen. Stat. §139-6.
- e. 2026 Municipal Primary Election Reimbursement – City of Raleigh
 - Staff have distributed an invoice in the amount of \$1,869.28 to the City of Raleigh for the administration of their City Council at Large primary election conducted on March 3rd. This invoice was distributed consistent with NC Gen. Stat. §163-284 and a joint municipal



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election reimbursement agreement with the City of Raleigh. Once payment is received, our total reimbursement revenue for the fiscal year will increase to \$830,131.43.

f. Presentation on Municipal Elections to Durham City Council

- City of Durham Mayor Leonardo Williams has invited Chairman Boone and staff to present on the following topics before the full council at their May 21st work session at 1:00 p.m.
 - Historical municipal election turnout trends and cost analysis
 - Council structure options
 - Process for transitioning municipal elections to even numbered years
 - Process for adjusting the method of election as stipulated by charter
 - Analysis of cost savings and operational impacts for the Board of Elections

The presentation will be created in conjunction with City Attorney Kimberly Rehberg and provided to the Board prior to the work session.

g. State Board of Elections Summer Conference

- The State Board of Elections Summer Conference will occur from August 9th – August 11th at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons in Greensboro, NC. Rooms have been reserved, and attendance requirements in accordance with NC Gen. Stat. §163-82.24 will be provided to each Board member.

h. 2025 Annual Report

- Staff have prepared our inaugural annual report for the Board's review. The report includes the following:
 - Executive Summary
 - Mission Statement
 - Operations Overview
 - Election Overview
 - Financial Report
 - Strategic Goals and Achievements
 - Challenges and Solutions
 - Plans for 2026
 - Photo Library
 - Conclusion



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Resource(s):

Elections Director Derek Bowens

Attachments:

List Maintenance Update; Financial Update; [2025 Annual Report](#)

Board Action Required:

Discuss as necessary

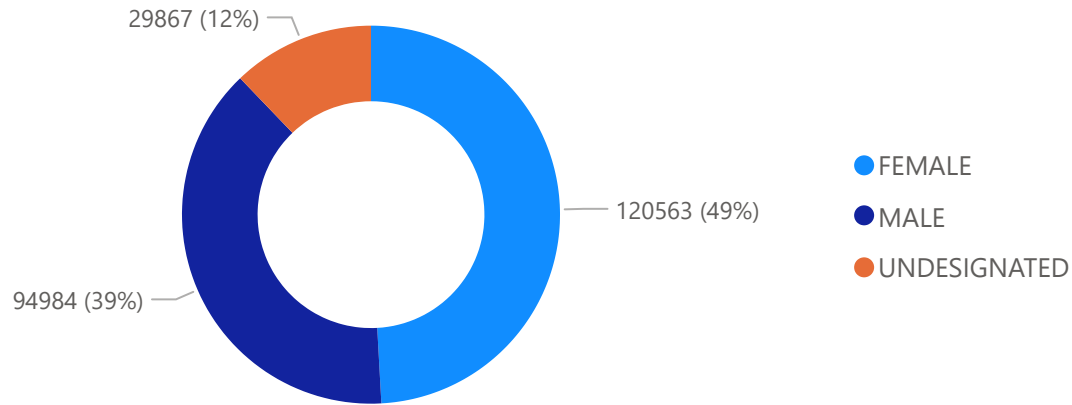
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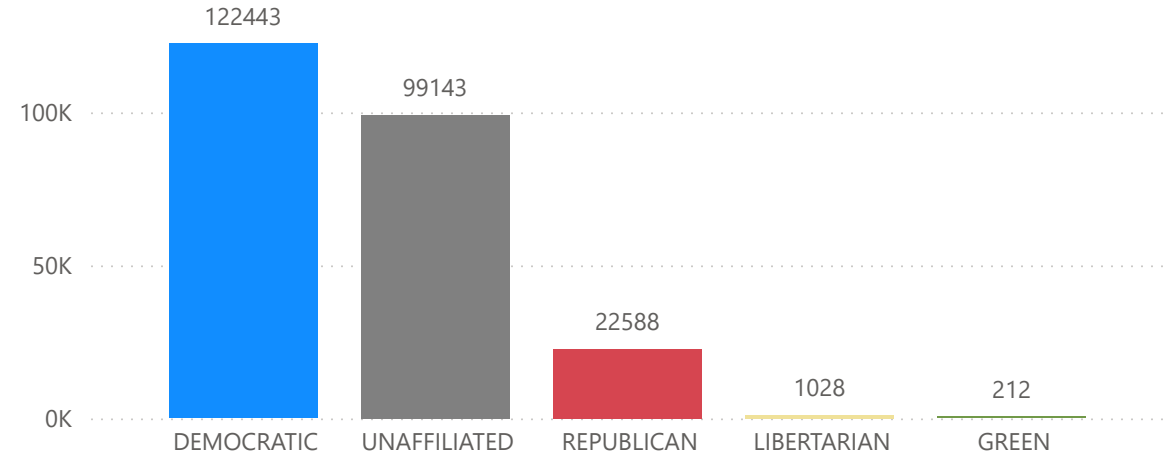
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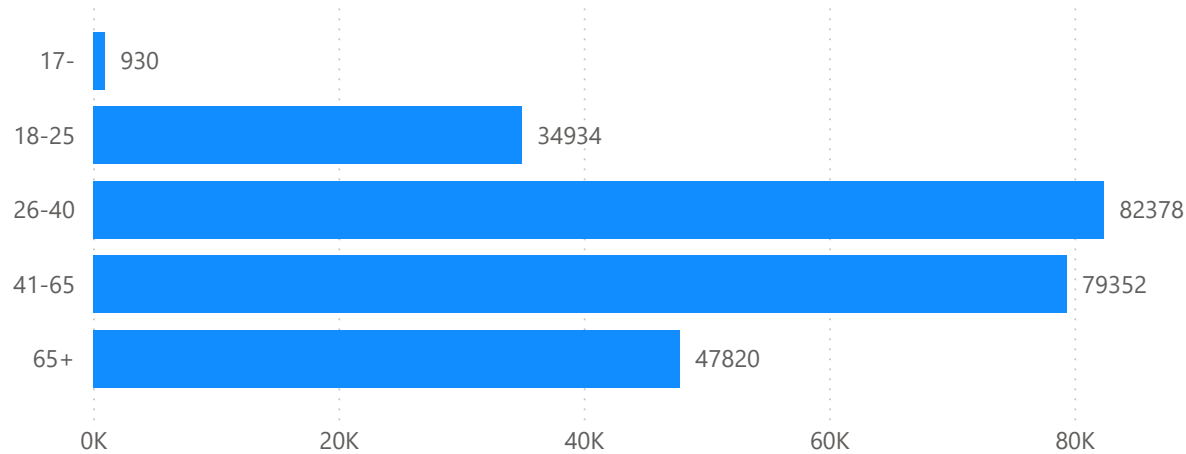
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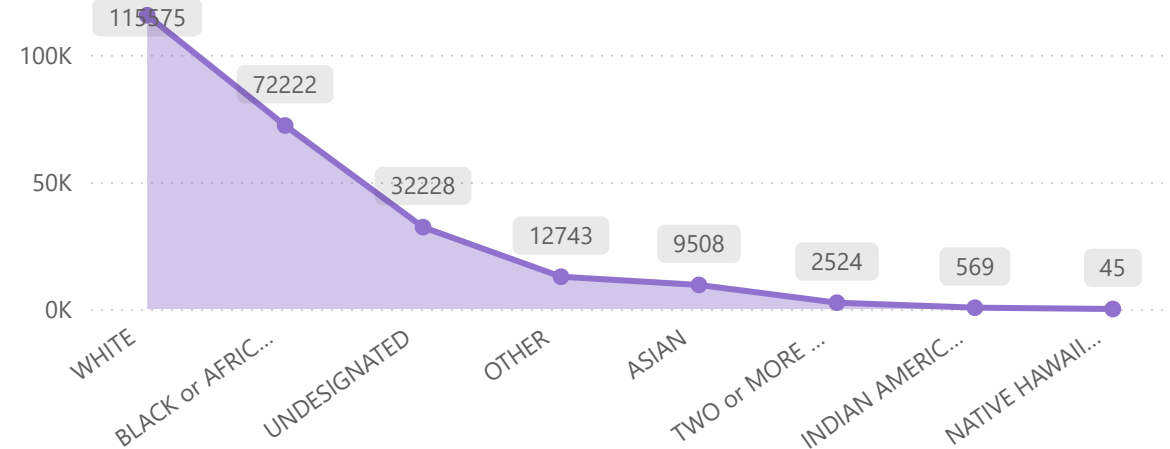
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Total Registered By Age Group



Total Registered By Race



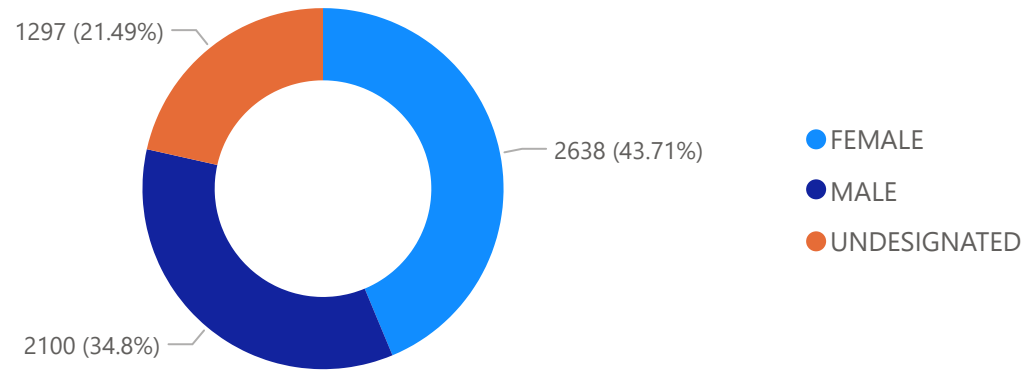


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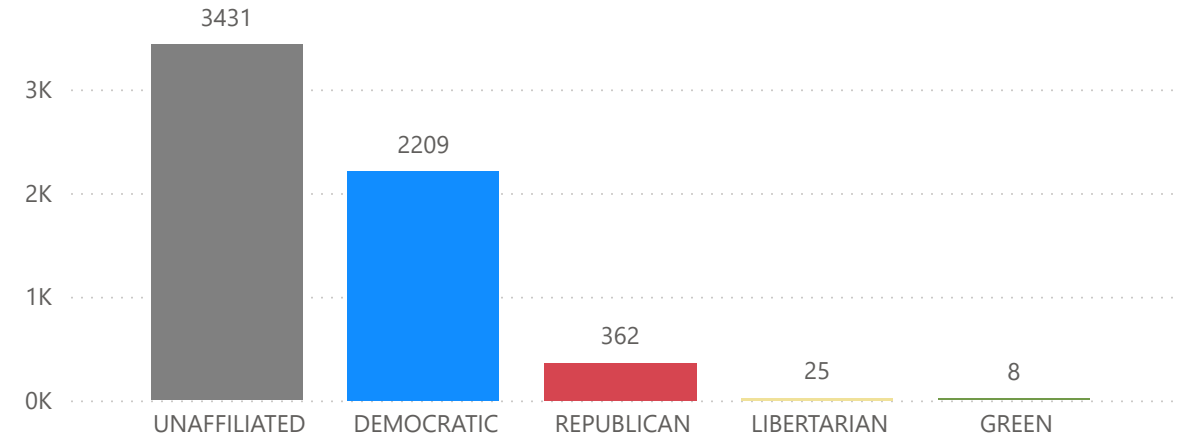
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6,035
Total New Registrants

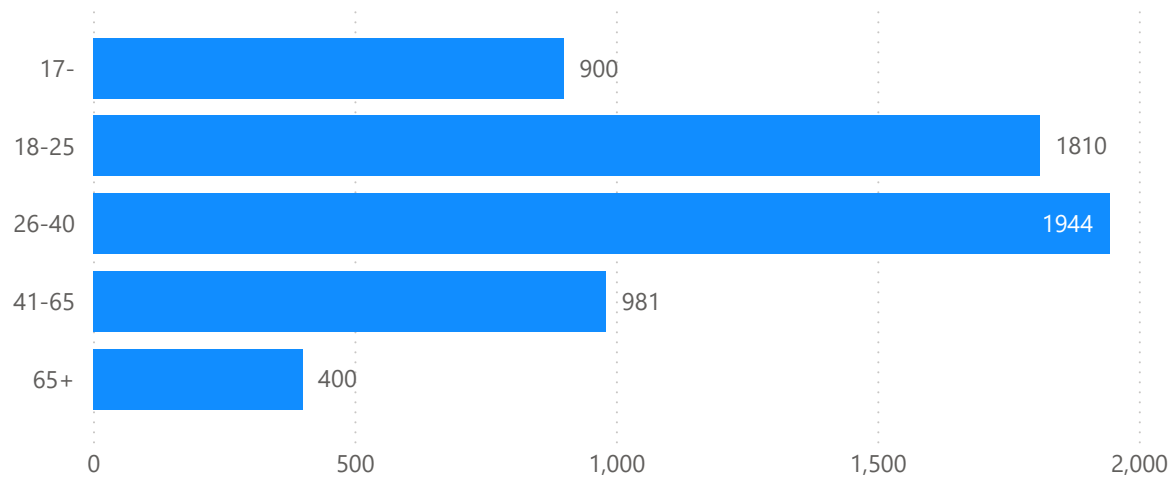
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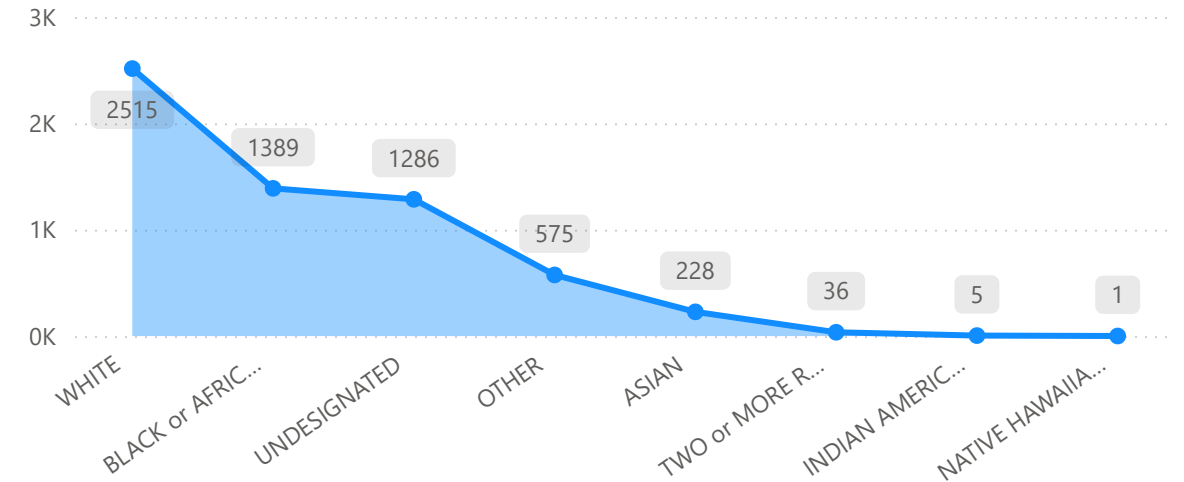
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Total New Registrants By Age Group



Total New Registrants By Race



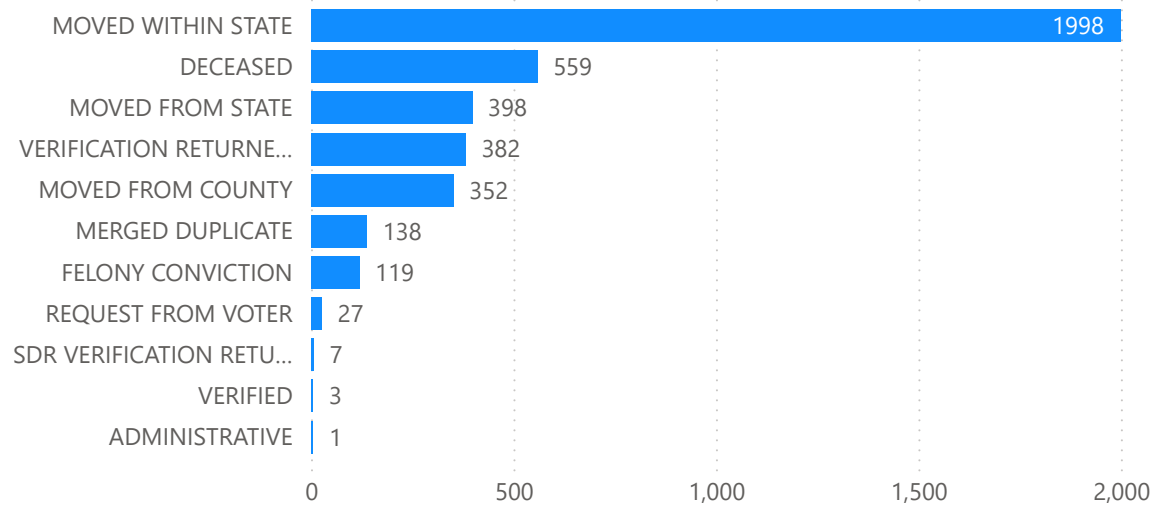


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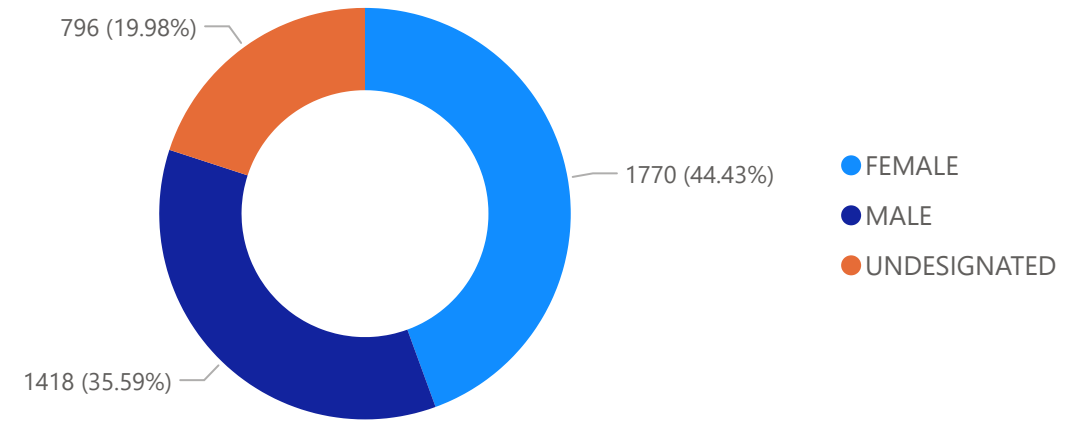
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3,984
Total Removals

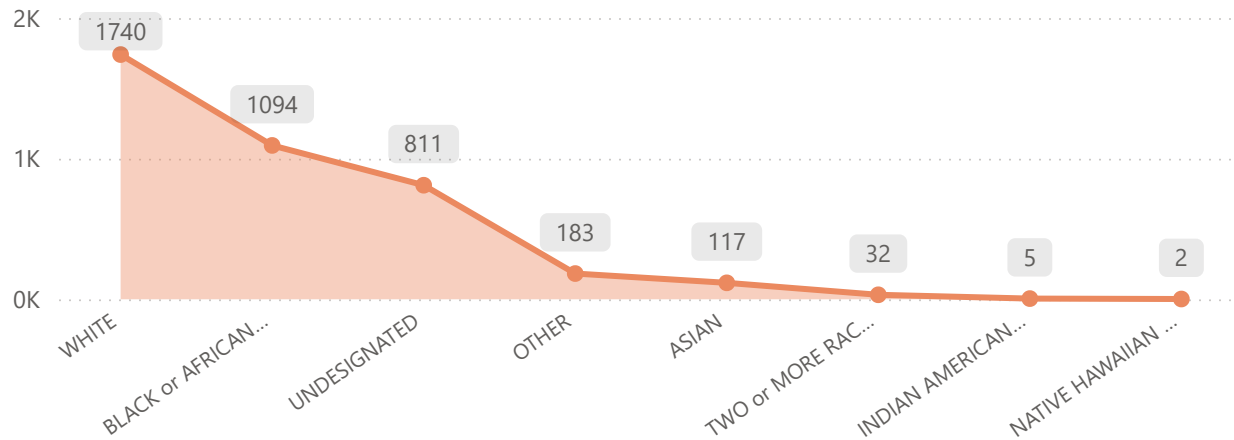
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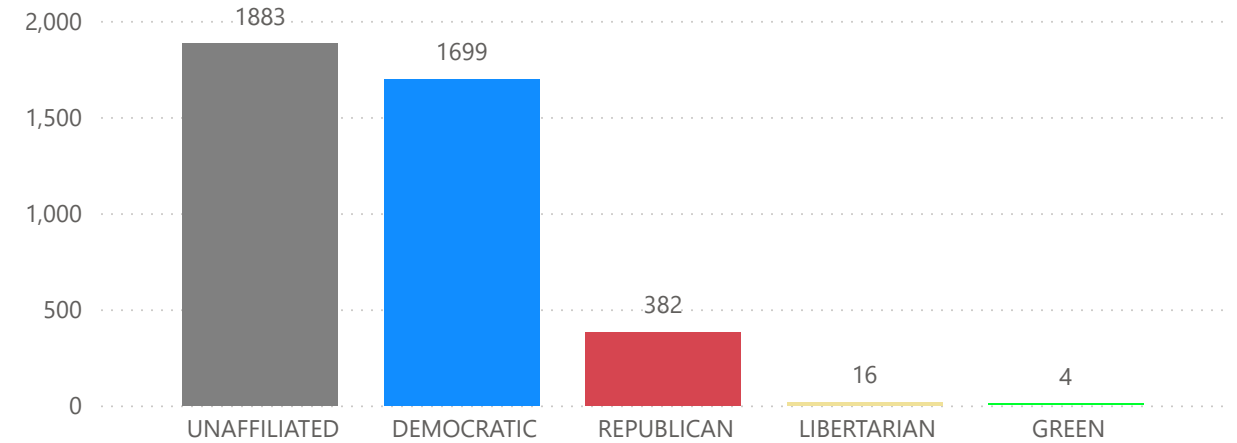
Total Removed By Gender



Total Removed By Race



Total Removed By Party





Total Party Changes

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1,461
Total Party Changes

OLD PARTY	DEMOCRATIC	GREEN	LIBERTARIAN	REPUBLICAN	UNAFILLIATED	TOTAL CHANGES
DEMOCRATIC		1	2	52	542	597
UNAFILLIATED	438	4	7	83		532
REPUBLICAN	64		5		210	279
LIBERTARIAN	13			3	22	38
GREEN	4				11	15
Change Total	519	5	14	138	785	1461



Budget Update Report

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Total Current Budget

\$3,975,738

Total Expended Budget

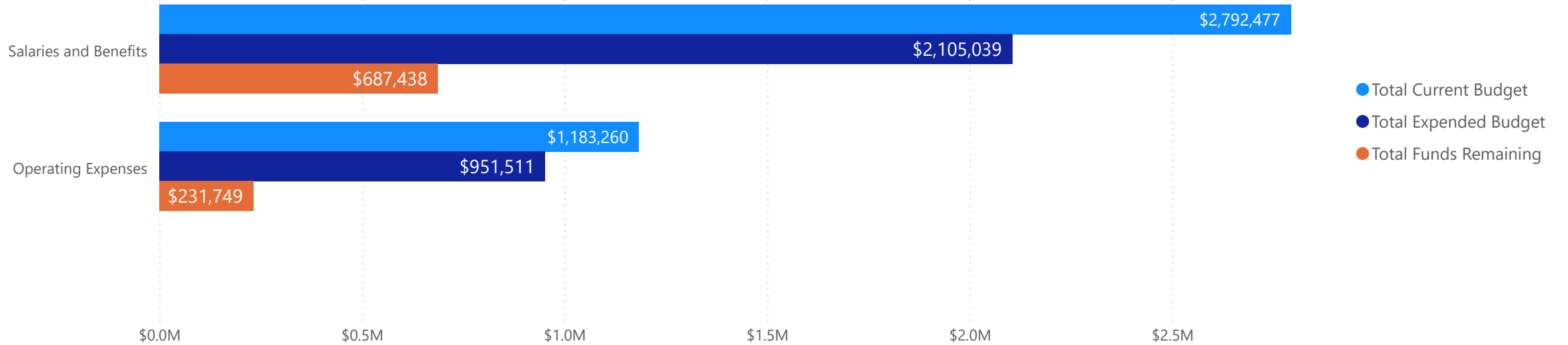
\$3,056,550

Total Funds Remaining

\$919,187

% Expended

76.88%





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3. General Discussion

Item #/Subject:

N/A

Applicable Statutes and/or Rules:

N/A

Summary:

Discuss other election related matters as needed.

Resource(s):

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Board Action Required:

Discuss as necessary



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4. Public Comments and Questions

Item #/Subject:

N/A

Applicable Statutes and/or Rules:

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Summary:

This is an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments and questions on election-related matters.

Resource(s):

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

Board Action Required:

Discuss as necessary