



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.

s/Pamela A. Oxendine
Secretary