



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.

s/Pamela A. Oxendine
Secretary