

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

November 27, 2023

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Kathy Hunt, Chad Freeman, and Richard Johnson. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present. There were seven visitors.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the November 17, 2023 board meeting. Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cunningham opened the floor to members of the public who wished to provide comment on the consideration of the Early Voting Schedule for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. The following members of the public spoke:

- 1) Catherine M. Browder
- 2) Jeanne Doom
- 3) Bill Doom
- 4) Pam Byrd
- 5) Rev. Alan Suber

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with three proposals for Early Voting for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. After discussion, Ms. Clark made a motion to adopt Proposal #2 with the addition of opening Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ms. Hunt seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2 with Board Members Cunningham, Clark, and Hunt voting in favor and Board Members Freeman and Johnson opposed.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adopt Proposal #2 as presented as the Early Voting Schedule for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 2-3 with Board Members Freeman and Johnson voting in favor and Board Members Cunningham, Clark, and Hunt opposed.

Mr. Cunningham stated that since the adoption of an Early Voting plan was not unanimous as required by statute, he directs staff to submit a majority plan and a minority plan to the North Carolina State Board of Elections for their consideration.

The majority plan is as follows: February 15-16, 2024 – 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; February 19-23, 2024 - 8am-7:30 p.m. February 24, 2024 – 8 a.m.-3 p.m., February 25, 2024 – 1 p.m.-4 p.m., February 26-March 1, 2024 - 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and March 2, 2024 – 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the following sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Center, and Midway Church.

The minority plan is as follows: February 15-16, 2024 – 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; February 19-23, 2024 - 8am-7:30 p.m. February 24, 2024 – 8 a.m.-3 p.m., February 26-March 1, 2024 - 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and March 2, 2024 – 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the following sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Center, and Midway Church.

The board recognized Keaton Toney, Manager of the Thomasville Public Library to speak. Ms. Toney stated that if a Sunday was added to the Early Voting Schedule, the staff of the Thomasville Public Library is willing and able to comply.

Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with a draft of the Davidson County Board of Elections Buffer Zone Policy. After discussion, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the Davidson County Board of Elections Buffer Zone Policy as presented by staff. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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