

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

December 5, 2023

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, December 6, 2023 at 1:30 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 1:30 p.m. with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Chad Freeman, and Richard Johnson. Board Member Kathy Hunt was not present. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present. There were two visitors.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the November 27, 2023 board meeting. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cunningham provided an explanation for the need of a tiebreaker in the Thomasville City Board of Education election. Per Session Law 2023-1, the three candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall each receive a four-year term and the candidates receiving the next two highest number of votes shall each receive a two-year term. However, the Davidson County Board of Elections determined a tie for the 3rd place position between candidates Renee Dow and Ja'Quez Taylor each at 591 votes. The law directs the Davidson County Board of Elections to break the tie by lot. The board chose to facilitate a coin toss. The candidates were assigned a side of the coin by order of last name. Renee Dow was assigned "heads" and Ja'Quez Taylor was assigned "tails."

Mr. Cunningham asked Ms. Clark to toss the coin and allow it to land on the floor. Ms. Clark tossed the coin and the board determined it landed on "heads" making Renee Dow the winner. Mr. Johnson made a motion to declare Renee Dow the winner of the four-year term on the Thomasville City Board of Education and to declare Ja'Quez Taylor the winner of the two-year term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards provided the board with a meeting schedule for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election cycle and stated that the next scheduled Board Meeting will take place on January 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Clark made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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