DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

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

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the March 4, 2024 board meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the March 5, 2024 board meeting. Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 49 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for approval. These ballots were turned in on Election Day and are considered timely. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 49 Civilian Absentee ballots as presented and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 14 Civilian Absentee Ballots returned with the Photo ID Exception form and are recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Hunt made a motion to approve the 14 Civilian Absentee ballots as presented and seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 4 Absentee Ballots that appear to have the Photo ID Exception form sealed inside of the envelope with the ballot. Ms. Hunt made a motion to unseal the ballots and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved. Upon review, all four ballots contained completed Photo ID Exception forms. Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the 4 ballots and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 2 Military Ballot return packets that are recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 2 Military Ballot return packets and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 1 Overseas Ballot return packet that was recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to accept the 1 Overseas Ballot return packet and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 10 Absentee Ballots that arrived at the Board of Elections office after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day and are not considered timely. Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the 10 ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 4 Absentee Ballots that arrived timely, but were lacking components required in order to be approved. Ms. Clark made a motion to reject these ballots pending that the voters complete the cure process by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2024 as set by law. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with the zero tape for the supplemental absentee ballot tabulation and it was signed by each present board member. The board began the tabulation of supplemental absentee ballots for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. There were 70 ballots approved for tabulation. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the tabulation of 70 Absentee ballots and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved. Deputy Director Adam Moore ran the final tape for the supplemental absentee ballots and each present board member signed the tape.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 70 Provisional Ballots recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the 70 Provisional ballots and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 131 Provisional Ballots recommended for rejection. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to reject the 131 Provisional Ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with the zero tape for the tabulation of approved provisional ballots and it was signed by each present board member. The board began tabulation of the 70 approved Provisional Ballots for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. There were 70 ballots approved for tabulation. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the tabulation of the 70 Provisional Ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved. After tabulation, Deputy Director Adam Moore ran the final tape for the Provisional Ballots and each present board member signed the tape.

Director Andrew Richards informed the board that there would be a Second Primary held statewide on May 14, 2024 and the board would need to take action on an Early Voting schedule during the CANVASS meeting held on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Clark, Secretary

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