

## DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 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, Richard Johnson, and Chad Freeman. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present. There were 7 visitors.

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

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

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the November 7, 2024 board meeting. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 6 Director Initiated Voter Challenges. These six individuals cast Absentee-by-Mail ballots or Early Voting ballots during the election season, but became deceased prior to Election Day. Election Law requires that any voter who cast their ballot prior to Election Day still be eligible to vote on Election Day itself, otherwise the ballot must be challenged and removed from the tabulation. Mr. Freeman made a motion to initiate the challenge of the six voters as presented by staff. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 2 additional Director Initiated Voter Challenges. These two individuals cast votes during the Early Voting season, but later appeared on the NC Department of Adult Corrections State Felon Matching List. Election law requires that convicted felons have full restitution of their rights, including the completion of probation or parole, post-release supervision, and have fully paid all fees to the state before having voting rights restored. Ms. Hunt made a motion to initiate the challenge of the two voters as presented by staff. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Freeman abstaining.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 3 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for approval for the November 5, 2024 General Election. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 3 Civilian Absentee ballots as presented and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 5 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for rejection due to the lack of timeliness in their return to the Board of Elections office. Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the 5 Civilian Absentee ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

The board began tabulation of the approved ballots for the Supplemental Absentee reporting group of the November 5, 2024 General Election thus far. The board determined that the total number of approved ballots thus far was 413. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the current tabulation of 413 ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to close the polls on the Supplemental Absentee tabulator. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. Each board member signed the results tape.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 18 Provisional Ballots recommended for Partial approval. Partial approval is given to Provisional ballots when the voter was issued a ballot style that was not assigned to them based on their residential address. Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 18 Partially approved Provisional ballots as recommended by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved. The board replicated the ballots onto the correct ballot style, transferring their votes for the contests in which they were eligible to vote.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 367 Provisional ballots recommended for Full Approval. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the 367 ballots recommended for Full Approval as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 822 Provisional Ballots recommended for rejection based on staff research. Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the 822 Provisional ballots as recommended by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with the zero tape for the Provisional Ballot Tabulator. Each board member signed the zero tape.

Following the tabulation of the approved and partially approved Provisional ballots, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the Provisional tabulation at 385 ballots. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to close the polls on the Provisional Ballot Tabulator. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved. Each board member signed the results tape.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Belinda Clark, Secretary

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