DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. with the following members present: Secretary Belinda Clark, Jason Cheek, and Richard Johnson. Member Dan Francis was not present. Director Andrew Richards, Deputy Director Olivia Phillips, and Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave were present. There were 2 visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the October 20, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards provided the board with an update on Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election. All five Early Voting sites were operating smoothly.

Deputy Director Olivia Phillips presented the board with 256 Civilian absentee ballots recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Cheek made a motion to approve the 256 ballots. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 69 Civilian absentee ballots that used the Photo ID Exception form and are recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 69 ballots. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 17 Overseas Ballot Return Packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 17 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 5 Military Ballot Return Packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Cheek made a motion to approve the 5 ballots. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 14 Civilian Absentee ballots recommended for rejection due to not meeting North Carolina statutory requirements. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the 14 ballots. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to allow staff to open the recommended approved absentee ballots envelopes prior to upcoming board meetings for the November 3, 2026 General Election. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Once the ballots were tabulated, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the cumulative tabulation of absentee ballots at 924. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Clark Belinda Clark, Secretary

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