

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, March 3, 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 2:04 p.m. with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Richard Johnson, Jason Cheek, and Dan Francis. Director Andrew Richards, Deputy Director Adam Moore, Elections Administrative Manager Olivia Phillips, and Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave were present. There were no visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the February 26, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with two Emergency Judge Appointments for the Democratic Judge at Precinct 38 – Eastside and the Republican Judge at Precinct 68 – Thomasville #5. Secretary Clark made a motion to approve the emergency judge appointments. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Election Administrative Manager Olivia Phillips presented the board with 13 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the 13 Civilian Absentee Ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 1 Overseas Ballot Return Packet recommended for approval. After review, Secretary Clark made a motion to approve the 1 Overseas Ballot Return Packet. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 1 Civilian Absentee Ballot recommended for rejection due to a witness deficiency. After review, Mr. Cheek made a motion to reject the 1 ballot. It was seconded by Secretary Clark and unanimously approved.

Once the ballots were tabulated, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the cumulative tabulation of absentee ballots at 221. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to recess until 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Secretary Clark and unanimously approved.

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Freeman called the meeting back into session.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 2 additional absentee ballots that are recommended for approval. Secretary Clark made a motion to approve the ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. The board tabulated the ballots, bringing the total number of absentee votes to 223.

The Absentee abstract was completed and signed by each board member.

At 7:30 p.m., Secretary Clark made a motion to close the polls on the absentee tabulator and Early Voting Tabulators. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. Each present board member signed the final results tape for Absentee and each Early Voting site.

Board members remained in session as Chief Judges began bringing returns to the Board of Elections office. A board member from each party was present as Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore processed returns and made them available to the public.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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