

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 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 6:03 p.m. with the following members present: Secretary Belinda Clark, Richard Johnson, Jason Cheek, and Dan Francis. Director Andrew Richards, Deputy Director Adam Moore, and Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave were present. There was one visitor.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the March 6, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the March 13, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the March 30, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented to the board three proposals for Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election. The Board was reminded that they must unanimously approve an early voting plan to prevent sending a non-unanimous early voting plan to the North Carolina State Board of Election for their determination. The board was also reminded that due to State Law the hours for weekdays (Monday through Friday) are set by statute from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and that the last Saturday October 31st is set by statute from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After discussion, Mr. Francis proposed the following early voting plan: Sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Building, and Midway Church. Times: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday October 17th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday October 24th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday October 25th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday October 31st 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Secretary Clark made a motion to adopt the Francis Plan and seconded by Mr. Francis. The vote was 2-3. Secretary Clark and Member Francis voted in favor. Chairman Freeman, Members Johnson and Cheek voted in opposition.

Chairman Freeman proposed the following early voting plan: Sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Center, and Midway Church. Times: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday October 17th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday October 24th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday October 31st 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the Freeman Plan and seconded by Mr. Cheek. The vote was 3-2. Chairman Freeman, Members Johnson and Cheek voted in favor. Secretary Clark and Member Francis voted in opposition.

Mr. Cheek proposed the following early voting plan: Sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Center, and Midway Church. Times: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday October 24th 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday October 25th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday October 31st 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Secretary Clark made a motion to adopt the Cheek Plan and seconded by Mr. Cheek. The vote was 3-2. Secretary Clark and Members Cheek and Francis voted in favor. Chairman Freeman and Member Johnson voted in opposition.

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Secretary Clark proposed the following early voting plan: Sites: Davidson County Board of Elections, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Arcadia Community Center, and Midway Church. Times: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday October 24th 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sunday October 25th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday October 31st 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Secretary Clark made a motion to adopt the Clark Plan and seconded by Mr. Francis. The vote was 2-3. Secretary Clark and Member Francis voted in favor. Chairman Freeman and Members Johnson and Cheek voted in opposition.

After discussion, Secretary Clark made a motion to table the Early Voting Plan for the November 3, 2026 General Election to May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Chairman Freeman discussed the Davidson County Buffer Zone and Electioneering Policy for review. Mr. Francis made a motion to go into closed session at 6:45 p.m. to consult with counsel. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Secretary Clark made a motion to return to open session at 6:52 p.m. It was seconded by Chairman Freeman and unanimously approved.

Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave gave a report regarding the closed session held by the board to the public.

Director Andrew Richards presented a proposed polling place change for the November 2026 General Election at Precinct 50 – Reedy Creek. After review, Chairman Freeman made a motion to move the polling location from the Currytown Baptist Church to the ARCH Fire Department for the November 2026 General Election. It was seconded by Secretary Clark and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. It was seconded by Chairman Freeman and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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