

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Friday, November 15, 2024

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.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 11:00 a.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 2 visitors.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the November 12, 2024 board meeting. Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Johnny Lee Borden. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Wesley Lee Brindle, Jr. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Ms. Hunt made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter being convicted of a felony prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 4-0 with Mr. Freeman abstaining.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for William Lindsay Everhart. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Don Houston Farlow. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Charles Ventress Favre. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Ms. Clark made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for David Carlton Freedle. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Ms. Hunt made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter being convicted of a felony prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 4-0 with Mr. Freeman abstaining.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Robert Keith Hancock. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Ms. Clark made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Jolynn Marie Johnson. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Johnson made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Wayne Hubert Sexton. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Eugene Carl Stoesser. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Thomas Lee Thomas. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Mr. Freeman made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cunningham opened the challenge hearing for Gracie Caviness Zimmerman. No one was present to speak on behalf of the voter. Ms. Clark made a motion to uphold the voter challenge based on the voter's death prior to Election Day and remove the votes made by the voter from the final tabulation. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with the zero tape for the Supplemental Absentee tabulator. Each board member signed the zero tape.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 3 Civilian Absentee Ballots that had been cured and were recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Hunt made a motion to approve the 3 Civilian Absentee ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 1 Civilian Absentee Ballot that attempted to cure, but had a deficiency on the Photo ID Exception form by using a typed signature. Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the one Civilian Absentee ballot. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to close the polls for the Supplemental Absentee Ballot tabulator with a total tabulation of 3 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. Each board member signed the final tabulation tape.

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

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 1 Provisional Ballot that had been cured and was recommended for approval. Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 1 cured Provisional ballot and was seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Clark made a motion to close the polls for the Supplemental Provisional tabulator with a total tabulation of 1 ballot. It was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved. Each board member signed the final tabulation tape.

Chairman Cunningham made a motion to commend the professional staff, especially Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore, on their competency, proficiency, professionalism, and dedication to an open, fair, and honest election and a quick and accurate publication of the results of the 2024 election, federal, state, and local. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with the CANVASS Balancing documents showing the reporting groups for Early Voting, Absentee by Mail, and Election Day. Mr. Freeman made a motion to officially Canvass the November 5, 2024 General Election in Davidson County. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. The Abstract of Votes were signed by each board member and properly notarized. Original copies of the Abstract of Votes were sent to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the Davidson County Clerk of Superior Court, and a copy to be placed into the records of the Davidson County Board of Elections.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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