

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Secretary Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Richard Johnson and Dan Francis. Chairman Chad Freeman and member Jason Cheek were not present. Director Andrew Richards. Deputy Director Olivia Phillips, and Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave were present. There were 3 visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the June 16, 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 a proposed resolution to allow for the early tabulation of absentee ballots on Election Day within the parameters set forth in NC General Statute 163-234. Mr. Francis made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a proposed resolution to adopt a review policy for absentee ballots within the parameters set forth in NC General Statute 163-230. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a resolution to authorize staff to fill judge vacancies for Early Voting sites or Election Day precincts in emergency situations. Mr. Francis made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a resolution to establish protocols for inclement weather during the Early Voting period for November 3, 2026 General Election. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Olivia Phillips presented the board with 159 Civilian absentee ballots recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 159 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 24 Civilian absentee ballots that used the Photo ID Exception form and are recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the 24 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 7 Overseas Ballot Return Packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the 7 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

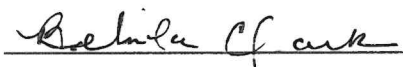
Ms. Phillips presented the board with 1 Military Ballot Return Packet recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the ballot. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 7 Civilian Absentee ballots recommended for rejection due to not meeting North Carolina statutory requirements. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the 7 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Once the ballots were tabulated, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve tabulation of absentee ballots at 191. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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