

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.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 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kathy Hunt, Richard Johnson, and Chad Freeman. Board member Belinda Clark was not present. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present. There were 2 visitors.

Chairman Cunningham read the minutes from the October 22, 2024 board meeting. Ms. Hunt made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Deputy Director Adam Moore presented the board with an update on Early Voting. As of the end of day on October 22, 2024, over 40% of registered voters in Davidson County had voted either through Absentee-by-Mail or Early Voting. Deputy Director reported that daily statistics of Early Voting were being published on the Board of Election's website and Facebook page each evening for public viewing.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 873 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for approval for the November 5, 2024 General Election. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 873 Civilian Absentee ballots as presented and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 127 Civilian Absentee Ballots returned with the Photo ID Exception form and are recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 127 Civilian Absentee ballots as presented and seconded by Mr. Cunningham. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 23 Overseas Ballot return packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 23 Overseas Ballot return packets and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 19 Military Ballot return packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 19 Military Ballot return packets and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 16 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended for rejection due to a variety of issues including lack of voter signature, lack of witnesses, and lack of photo ID or Exception Form. Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the 27 Civilian Absentee ballots that were deficient. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved. There was one Civilian Absentee ballot that did not contain a photo ID. After review, the board discovered that the photo ID was sealed inside the envelope with the ballot. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the one ballot that was previously rejected but now has an acceptable photo ID. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

The board began tabulation of the approved ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election thus far. The board determined that the total number of approved ballots thus far was 2504. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the current tabulation of 2504 ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

At 10:19 p.m., Mr. Freeman made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing internal personnel matters relevant to the scope and authority of the Davidson County Board of Elections. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson, unanimously approved, and the board went into closed session.

Mr. Freeman made a motion at 10:27 p.m. to return to open session. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Hunt", is written over a horizontal line.

~~Belinda Clark, Secretary~~

Kathy Hunt, Board Member

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