

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

April 26, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Board of Elections office at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Secretary, Board Members Kathy Wall and Chad Freeman. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present along with one visitor.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the April 19, 2022 Board Meeting. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 27 Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes that were returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes, Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the 27 Absentee Ballots and seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 2 Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes that were previously rejected for not meeting necessary requirements. The 2 Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes were attached with signed Absentee Cure Forms from the voters. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes and the attached Absentee Cure Forms, Ms. Wall made a motion to accept the Absentee Ballots and seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with an Early Voting At-Large Observer List submitted by the Davidson County Republican Party. There were 10 Observers on the list and their residential status within Davidson County had been confirmed by the Board of Elections. The Davidson County Republican Party submitted their signed list on April 22, 2022 which was before the deadline of April 23, 2022. Ms. Clark made the motion to approve the Early Voting At-Large Observer List submitted by the Davidson County Republican Party and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards explained to the Board that the staff had difficulty identifying a Democratic Judge in Precinct 70 – Thomasville #7. Director Richards proposed the name of an Emergency Judge Appointment of a Democrat who lives in nearby Precinct 66 – Thomasville #4. Director Richards explained that the Emergency Judge Appointment is within the authority of the board upon a unanimous vote pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-41, Subsection C. Director Richards explained that this Emergency Appointment would give temporary authorization for the precinct to use a judge from outside the precinct for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election. Mr. Freeman made the motion to approve the Emergency Democratic Judge Appointment in Precinct 70 – Thomasville #7 and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Richards explained to the Board that the May 10, 2022 Board of Elections meeting interferes with the Pollworker Meeting occurring that evening in preparation of the May 17, 2022 Primary Election. A proposal was made to move the Board of Elections meeting to May 9, 2022 at 6:00pm. Ms. Clark made the motion to approve moving the meeting to May 9, 2022 at 6:00pm and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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