

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, April 30, 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: Belinda Clark, Kathy Hunt, and Richard Johnson. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present. There were 11 visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 2 Civilian Absentee ballots for the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 2 Civilian Absentee ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with 5 Civilian Absentee ballots for the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election that utilized the Photo ID Exception Form and were recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 5 Civilian Absentee ballots and was seconded by Ms. Hunt. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards provided the board with an update on Early Voting for the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election. At the end of Early Voting on April 30, 2024, there were a total of 140 ballots cast. Early Voting continues until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Board Member Chad Freeman joined the meeting at 6:27 p.m. making all five board members present.

Chairman Cunningham opened the meeting for public address in regards to the upcoming agenda item of considering the Early Voting Schedule for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Members of the public submitted a Public Comment Request Card and were recognized in order of submission. The following members of the public addressed the board:

1. Jeanne Doom
2. Pam Byrd
3. Kelly Johnson
4. Catherine Browder
5. AnnMarie Clark
6. Pamela McAfee
7. Tina Royal

Chairman Cunningham thanked the members of the public for addressing the board and opened the floor to board members to discuss the Early Voting Schedule for the November 5, 2024 General Election. After discussion, Ms. Clark made a motion to select Proposal #3 with the addition of Sunday, October 20, 2024 and Sunday October 27, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hunt and the vote was 3 in-favor and 2 opposed. Chairman Cunningham, Secretary Clark, and Ms. Hunt voted in the affirmative. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Johnson voted in opposition.

Chairman Cunningham explained that by statute, an Early Voting Schedule must have unanimous agreement upon the five members of the board or the plan is determined by the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to select Proposal #3 as presented and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The vote was 2 in-favor and 3 opposed. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Johnson voted in the affirmative. Chairman Cunningham, Secretary Clark, and Ms. Hunt voted in opposition.

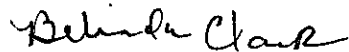
Chairman Cunningham directed staff to submit the following plans to the North Carolina State Board of Elections as Davidson County's non-unanimous plan for Early Voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The Majority Plan is as follows: October 17-18, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; October 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; October 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; October 21-25 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; October 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; October 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; October 28 – November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Minority Plan is as follows: October 17-18, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; October 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; October 21-25 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; October 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; October 28 – November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; November 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Hunt made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 _____ Belinda Clark, Secretary

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