

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

May 3, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, May 3, 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, Chad Freeman, and Richard Johnson. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present along with one visitor.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the April 26, 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 1 Military Absentee Ballot Return Envelope that was returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review, Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the 1 Military Absentee Ballot Return Envelope and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 39 Civilian 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 39 Absentee Ballots and seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards also presented the Board with 2 Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes that did not meet the necessary requirements for approval. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes Mr. Freeman made a motion to reject the two ballots and seconded by Mr. Johnson and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Richards told the board that Absentee Cures have already been sent to those voters.

Director Richards and Deputy Director Moore provided an update on One-Stop Early Voting in Davidson County. Early voting data thus far shows that voter turnout is down approximately 100 voters per day as compared to the 2018 Primary Election.


Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a list of voters who have voted in One-Stop Early Voting across Davidson County's five early voting sites as of 5:00pm on May 3, 2022. After the board reviewed the list of voters, Ms. Wall made a motion to approve the listed One-Stop voters and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards explained to the Board that the staff had difficulty identifying a Democratic Judge in Precinct 50 – Reedy Creek. Director Richards proposed the name of an Emergency Judge Appointment of a Democrat who lives in nearby Precinct 84 – West Arcadia. 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 50 – Reedy Creek and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented an additional proposal for an Emergency Democratic Judge in Precinct 44 – Midway. The proposed Judge lives Precinct 20 – Holly Grove. Director Richards explained that this individual has been an Assistant in the Midway Precinct for many years. Mr. Freeman made the motion to approve the Emergency Democratic Judge Appointment in Precinct 44 – Midway and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm and was seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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