

## DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

May 16, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Board of Elections office at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Ms. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with the following members present: Board Members Kathy Wall, Chad Freeman, and Richard Johnson. In the absence of Chairman Cunningham, the Board agreed to have Secretary Clark act as chair. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present along with one visitor.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the May 3, 2022 board meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Clark read the minutes from the May 9, 2022 board meeting. Ms. Wall made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 1 Military Absentee Ballot Return packet 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 packet and seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 2 Overseas Absentee Ballot Return packets that were returned for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election to be reviewed and approved by the board. After review, Ms. Wall made a motion to accept the 2 Overseas Absentee Ballot Return packets and seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with 132 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 132 Absentee Ballots and seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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. Deputy Director Moore informed the board that personal phone calls and emails were made to these voters since a mailed letter would not inform them in time to take necessary actions. Both voters were reached and informed of their options to vote. After review of the Absentee Ballot Return Envelopes, Ms. Wall made a motion to reject the ballots and seconded by Mr. Freeman. It was unanimously approved.

Director Richards and Deputy Director Moore provided the board with the One-Stop Early Voting totals by site, which were also available on the board website and Facebook page. A total of 3,965 voters participated in One-Stop Early Voting across Davidson County during the 2022 Primary Election season.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a list of voters who had voted in One-Stop Early Voting across Davidson County's five early voting sites as of the close of polls on Saturday May 14, 2022. After the board reviewed the list of voters, Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the listed One-Stop voters and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

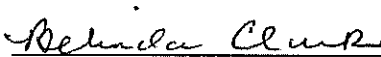
Director Andrew Richards explained to the board that the Democratic Judge in Precinct 14 – Emmons received a positive Covid-19 test that morning and would be unable to serve on Election Day. Mr. Richards proposed the name of a Democrat from Precinct 18 – Healing Springs to serve as a temporary emergency judge for the 2022 Primary Election. This individual was already working in the Emmons precinct as an assistant. Mr. Freeman made a motion to accept the Emergency Democratic Judge for Precinct 14 – Emmons and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards explained to the board that the Republican Judge in Precinct 62 – Thomasville #2 had experienced a death in the family and would be unable to serve on Election Day. Mr. Richards proposed the name of a Republican who lives in nearby Precinct 74 – Thomasville #9 to serve as a temporary emergency judge for the 2022 Primary Election. Ms. Wall made a motion to approve the Emergency Republican Judge for Precinct 62 – Thomasville #2 and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. It was unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards asked the board to consider a motion to approve the Board of Elections staff to open the accepted Absentee Ballot envelopes in preparation for the Election Day Board meeting occurring on May 17, 2022. The ballots would not be removed from the envelopes, but would create for a more efficient meeting on Election Day. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Board of Elections Staff to open the accepted Absentee Ballot envelopes in preparation of the next day's meeting and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm and was seconded by Ms. Wall. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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