

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

November 8, 2022

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. with the following members present: Belinda Clark, Secretary, Board Members Chad Freeman, Kathy Hunt and Richard Johnson. Director Andrew Richards and Deputy Director Adam Moore were present along with one visitor.

Director Richards and Deputy Director Moore provided the One-Stop Early Voting Results tapes to the board for their signatures. Board members reviewed the final tapes for all five One-Stop Early Voting Sites: the Davidson County Board of Elections office, Thomasville Library, Denton Library, Midway United Methodist Church, and the Arcadia Community Center. All five board members approved the tapes with their signatures.

Director Richards ran the tabulation report for Civilian, Overseas, and Military Absentees Ballots. The report was approved and signed by all five board members.

Director Richards presented the board with a potential Board Challenge. Through regular list maintenance, staff discovered one voter who voted at a One-Stop Early Voting site and another who voted Absentee by Mail who both became deceased shortly after their votes were cast. This was found during list maintenance using copies of death certificates sent by the Davidson County Register of Deeds office. Per Numbered Memo 2022-05, a voter who becomes deceased after voting absentee but before Election Day is ineligible to vote. Per North Carolina General Statute § 163-85(c), a voter challenge must be issued by the County Board of Elections with notice to the voter or their near relative. The board determined that notice should be sent to the near relative of the voters and an Evidentiary Hearing shall take place at the Canvass Board Meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2022.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to replace the form letter developed by the North Carolina State Board of Elections to notify the family of the challenged voter with a customized letter while still referring to the relevant statutes. This motion was seconded by Ms. Hunt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Freeman made a motion at 2:49 p.m. to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Clark. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Belinda Clark, Secretary

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