

DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office located at 945 N. Main Street, Suite A, Lexington, North Carolina 27292.

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following members present: Secretary Belinda Clark, Jason Cheek, and Dan Francis. Director Andrew Richards, Deputy Director Olivia Phillips, and Assistant County Manager Ryan Hargrave were present. There were 18 visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the April 21, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Mr. Francis made a motion to go into closed session at 6:13 p.m. pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of discussing an internal personnel matter relevant to the scope and authority of the Davidson County Board of Elections. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Secretary Clark made a motion to return to open session at 6:22 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved. Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave provided an update from the closed session that staff sought advice on personnel matters and received guidance.

Chairman Freeman made a motion to excuse Member Johnson's absence. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

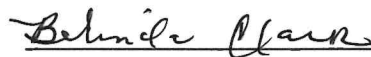
Chairman Freeman opened the floor for public comment. There were 11 speakers.

Director Andrew Richards presented the Board with the Board's previous proposals for Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election. The Board was reminded that they must unanimously approve an Early Voting plan to prevent sending a non-unanimous Early Voting plan to the North Carolina State Board of Elections for their determination. The Board could not unanimously vote due to the absence of one Member.

The Board agreed to meet on June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the discussion regarding Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Mr. Cheek made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Belinda Clark, Secretary

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