DAVIDSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

The Davidson County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 20, 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 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Secretary Belinda Clark, Jason Cheek, Richard Johnson, and Dan Francis. Director Andrew Richards, Deputy Director Olivia Phillips, and Assistant County Attorney Ryan Hargrave were present. There were 2 visitors.

Secretary Clark read the minutes from the October 13, 2026 Board Meeting. Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards presented the board with a list of Poll Observers submitted by the Davidson County Democrat Party for the Early Voting period of the November 3, 2026 General Election. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the list as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Director Andrew Richards provided the board with an update on Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election. All five Early Voting sites were operating smoothly.

Deputy Director Olivia Phillips presented the board with 171 Civilian absentee ballots recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the 171 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 16 Civilian absentee ballots that used the Photo ID Exception form and are recommended for approval. After review, Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the 16 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 10 Overseas Ballot Return Packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the 10 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 2 Military Ballot Return Packets recommended for approval. After review, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the 2 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Freeman and unanimously approved.

Ms. Phillips presented the board with 5 Civilian Absentee ballots recommended for rejection due to not meeting North Carolina statutory requirements. After review, Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the 5 ballots. It was seconded by Mr. Francis and unanimously approved.

Once the ballots were tabulated, Mr. Francis made a motion to approve the cumulative tabulation of absentee ballots at 577. It was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Cheek and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Clark Belinda Clark, Secretary

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