

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2014**

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON JUNE 10, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M., AT 35 WOODFIN STREET, MEETING ROOM #330, IN ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE AND WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Watson, Chairman
Bob Knapp, Secretary
Lucy Smith, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Trena Parker, Director
Jennifer Sparks, Staff
Victoria Leyva, Staff
John Noce, Staff
Rachel Rathbone, Staff
Bobbie Johnson, Staff

VISITORS: See attachment

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. The Board greeted visitors.

Director Parker presented and reviewed the statutes regarding Early Voting procedures, as well as the historical data regarding voter turnout and locations. Rachel Rathbone provided an overview of possible locations. There were questions and remarks among attendees regarding the need for locations in various regions of the community. Secretary Knapp motioned to approve all 15 sites as presented by staff and to instruct staff to research additional suggested sites recommended during the meeting, which included Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center, Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, and Asheville Senior Opportunity Center for possible further consideration by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

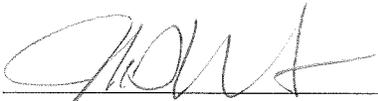
Jennifer Sparks presented her proposal for changes to the department's public service request policy. She explained that our current rates for data request are not in line with the price it cost to create these request. Other changes to the current policy would include requiring a 50% deposit for all public information requests and 100% deposit for all map requests at the time of ordering. There were some discussions regarding the amount of deposit. Chairman Watson asked Jennifer to include expectations of longer processing times during election season. Member Smith motioned to approve the new public service request policy subject to the change requested by the Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Trena Parker updated the Board regarding current petitions. She stated that both Ben Scales and Rebecca Knight need 7,331 signatures to appear on the November ballot as an Unaffiliated candidate for District Attorney and the deadline to submit those signatures is June 12th at 5 p.m. Currently, Ben Scales has 6,704 valid signatures and Rebecca Knight has 893 valid signatures. Scales and Knight have both submitted more signatures that have not yet been verified. Nancy Waldrop is also conducting a petition drive to appear on the November ballot as an Unaffiliated candidate for County Commissioner District 3, the required number of signatures is 2,222. Currently,

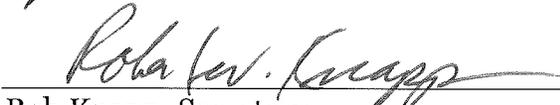
Waldrop has submitted 2,662 signatures that have not yet been verified. Chairman Watson made clear that there was no extension made to the deadline for Nancy Waldrop to submit her signatures. June 27th at noon is the statutory deadline. The SBOE apparently had misinterpreted deadlines and included these on materials.

Trena stated that she has contacted the superintendent for Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools to remind them of the upcoming General Election. At this time, Asheville City Schools are operating on a regular schedule November 4th and Buncombe County Schools will have a two-hour early release. She provided both schools with turnout numbers for schools sites that serve as a voting location. She also reminded them that early voting has been shortened to one week and that there is no longer straight party ticket voting which will cause voters to be at the polls longer. She is hoping both school systems will consider closing schools on November 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



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