Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

Opening
The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 4:35 pm on November 19, 2019 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present
Board Members- BOE Staff-
Jake Quinn, Chairman Joyce Kanavel, Interim Director
Elizabeth Newman, Secretary Neggy Fox
Linda Block Jennifer Sparks
Stephen G. Duncan
Jay Watson

Visitors-
(See attached)

Welcome of Visitors

Announcement of Interim Director
- Chairman Quinn announced Director Velez’s departure to a new position as Deputy Director for the State of North Carolina Board of Elections. The timeline for a new hire is late January, 2020, and Joyce Kanavel will serve as Interim Director.

Item One – Early Voting for March 3rd Primary Election
- Staff member Fox proposed an early voting plan for the 2020 primary. Statistics with 2020 projections, maps of previous site use, a list of prospective voting locations, and mandatory hours were presented. It was recommended that the Board select sites from these prospective locations and choose weekend hours.
- Chairman Quinn opened the Board to discussion. Secretary Newman asked for clarification on why some sites did not make the suggested list. Staff member Fox responded that those locations had low turnout. Member Block expressed concern over parking at the 50 Coxe Ave. Staff member Fox reported that street parking and meters will be reserved for voters, the bus station is across the street, and that it is anticipated that there will be walking traffic. Chairman Quinn requested that the North Asheville Library remain on the list until a new site can be found.
- Member Block, Member Duncan, and Chairman Quinn expressed preference for the Leiceste Library over the Land of Sky location.

nber requested that presentation be made available online. Audience members CA and AB Tech as possible locations. Staff member Fox explained that these are cations but will be reviewed for the November General Election. Audience need the preference of Leicester Library over the Land of Sky.
- Staff discussed using Wesley Grant Senior Center and Bee Tree Fire Station.
- Member Block expressed the importance of Wesley Grant Senior Center having access for color. Audience member concurred with member Block’s Statement.
- That Wesley Grant has had low attendance in the past. Because of this and the Coxe to both the Grant center and the bus station, the Board decided Wesley not be used for early voting.
- Decided that with low attendance Bee Tree Fire Station would not be used.
- Decided the following ten (10) locations:

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- Eff initiated discussion on weekend hours and suggested leaving early on President’s Day Weekend (2/15/2020 and 2/16/2020). The hours of the following weekend (2/21/2020 and 2/22/2020) were proposed.
- Shawn called for a motion, Member Watson motioned for the selected 10 sites and the hours of 10am-6pm on 2/21/2020 and 2/22/2020 be approved. Motion seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

d Primary for City of Asheville
- Shawn reported that the City of Asheville requested a primary and that ce from county legal and state legal suggested that there is litigation risk in an election.
- Discussions the pros and cons of conducting the election.
- d Board that voting begin December 2nd.
- Son suggested obtaining independent legal opinion. Member Newman set aside for further discussion at the next board meeting when more would be available.

ement Request of County Voting Systems
- Shawned approval of software upgrades and acquisition of ExpressVote ADA replace AutoMark ADA machines. Staff Member Sparks noted that could be used for provisional voting as it has the advantage of eliminating ionals.
• Chairman Quinn called for a motion. Secretary Newman motioned to approve software upgrades. Member Watson seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.
• Chairman Quinn called for a motion. Member Block motioned to approve the acquisition of ExpressVote machines. Member Watson seconded, and the Board approved unanimously and signed the SBOEs Request for Replacement of Buncombe County’s Voting System

Old Business

Item Four – Update: Precinct Lines and NC House and Senate Districts

• Interim Director Kanavel reported that the State Board has notified staff that the data for the new Legislative districts (NC House and Senate) should be delivered this week.

New Business

Item Five – Draft of November 3rd General Election Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

• Interim Director Kanavel delivered a draft Absentee board meeting schedule for November, 2020, to the board.
• Member Watson motioned to adjourn. Member Duncan seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm. The next meeting will be 1:00 pm on November 22, 2019, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne M. Duncan

Approved by:

[Signatures]

Jake Quinn, Chairman
Elizabeth Newman, Secretary
Jay Watson, Member
Stephen O. Duncan, Member
Linda Block, Member