

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 18, 2020 5:00 pm

Welcome of Visitors

- I. Approval of Minutes
 Tuesday February 11, 2020
- II. Absentee Meeting (G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*
- III. Office Updates

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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes February 18, 2020

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:00 pm on February 18, 2020 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

BOE Staff-

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Elizabeth Newman, Secretary

Jay Watson

Linda Block

Stephen G. Duncan

Corinne M. Duncan, Director

Kevin Roberts

Bobbie Johnston

John Noce

Mary Harrill

Devin Whitney

Visitors-

(See attached)

Item One - Approval of Minutes

o Board member Block moved to approve the minutes for January 11th and the Board unanimously approved.

Item Two – Absentee Ballot Meeting

- Staff member Noce presented a summary of the absentee process and reviewed the steps required to complete the approval process.
- Staff member Noce presented ninety-four (94) civilian ballots.
- Staff member Noce noted the requirement for two signatures or a notary.
- The Board reviewed and signed the ninety-four (94) civilian absentee ballots.
- The Board reviewed and signed the fifteen (15) overseas ballots and one (1) military ballot.
- Chairman Quinn reminded staff and visitors that while ballots are being duplicated, the room is to be silent to avoid confusion and assure accuracy.
- The Board reviewed an absentee ballot where the voter and a witness signed on the same day, but a second witness signed five days later.
 - Noce informed the Board that the State Board informed staff to error on the side of the voter.
- The duplication team duplicated thirteen (13) overseas ballots and one (1) military ballot. Chairman Quinn inquired whether all calls and marks were clearly heard and seen, and the duplication team answered affirmatively.

- Member Watson motioned to approve the ninety-four (94) civilian ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Member Watson motioned to approve the one (1) military ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Member Watson motioned to approve the fifteen (15) overseas ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Chairman Quinn motioned to approve the (4,524) Onestop voters and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- The Board signed the early voting/absentee pollbook.
- The Board signed the original and duplicate ballot polybags.
- The Board signed the results and audit log.

Item Three - Office Updates

- Director Duncan offered the following updates:
 - o Being closed on the first weekend of early voting was a welcome reprieve by staff.
 - She has made cubbies for each of the Board members to be able to organize their documents for Board meetings.
 - o Currently working on budget and looking to present to the Board soon.
 - o The hiring process for Election Technical Specialist positions is underway.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm. The next meeting will be 5:00 pm on February 25, 2020, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Roberts

Approved by:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Elizabeth Newman, Secretary

Jay Watson, Member

Stephen G. Duncan, Member

Linda Block, Member