



BUNCOMBE COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 25, 2020

5:00 pm

Welcome of Visitors

- I. Approval of Minutes
February 18, 2020 and February 19, 2020
- II. Absentee Meeting (G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*)
- III. Review Inclement Weather Policy
- IV. Office Updates

* Old law G.S.163A now back to G.S.163

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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FEBRUARY 29, 2020

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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:02 pm on February 25, 2020 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

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

BOE Staff-

Corinne M. Duncan, Director
Kevin Roberts
Debby Vance
Bobbie Johnston
John Noce
Mary Harrill
Devin Whitney

Visitors-
(See attached)

Item One - Approval of Minutes

- Chairman Quinn moved to approve the minutes for January 18th and the Board unanimously approved.
- Chairman Quinn moved to approve the minutes for January 19th 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 one hundred eighty (180) civilian ballots.
- Staff member Noce noted the requirement for two signatures or a notary.
- The Board reviewed and signed the one hundred eighty (180) civilian absentee ballots.
- The Board reviewed and signed the thirty-one (31) overseas ballots and two (2) military ballots.
- 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 duplication team duplicated thirty (30) overseas ballots. Chairman Quinn inquired whether all calls and marks were clearly heard and seen, and the duplication team answered affirmatively.
- Noce presented a pair of absentee ballots from a husband and wife where the signatures were very similar. Noce stated that the original signature on the wife's registration is different than the current signature on the absentee envelope.
- Member Watson moved to approve the one hundred eighty (180) civilian ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.

- Member Watson moved to approve the two (2) military ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Member Watson moved to approve the thirty-one (31) overseas ballots and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Chairman Quinn moved to reject the two absentee ballots in question, resend new ballots, and follow up with the witnesses who signed. The Board agreed unanimously.
- Chairman Quinn motioned to approve the (10,916) 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

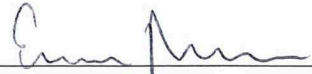
- Director Duncan offered the following updates:
 - Due to inclement weather, Thursday all sites were closed at noon and given a delayed start of 10am on Friday morning according to the interim inclement weather plan. All procedures were followed. County PR, the media, poll workers and staff were notified, website and social media updated, signs posted, items secured and picked up at morning opening.
 - Staff planning meeting held for Saturday through Election Day work assignments.
 - Reminded Board of Saturday Board meeting.
 - Election Services has been receiving positive media attention, including a successful poll worker campaign.
- Block moved to extend the inclement weather policy through the end of early voting and the Board agreed unanimously.
- Block would like to add sure the proper use of seals are added to the last-minute instructions given to the Chief Judges.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm. The next meeting will be 3:00 pm on February 29, 2020, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Roberts

Approved by: 

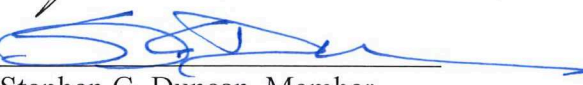
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