



BUNCOMBE COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday February 29, 2020

3:00 pm

Welcome of Visitors

- I. Approval of Minutes
February 25, 2020
- II. Absentee Meeting (G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1))*
- III. Office Updates

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

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2020,

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:05 pm on February 29, 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
Jan Bell
Devin Whitney

Visitors-

(See attached)

Item One - Approval of Minutes

- Member Watson moved to approve the minutes for February 25th 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 367 civilian ballots.
- Staff member Noce noted the requirement for two signatures or a notary.
- The Board reviewed the 367 civilian absentee ballots.
- The Board reviewed and signed the 53 overseas ballots and six 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 53 overseas ballots. Chairman Quinn inquired whether all calls and marks were clearly heard and seen, and the duplication team answered affirmatively.
- Member Watson motioned to approve 366 of the 367 civilian ballots presented, and the Board approved the 366 absentee ballots unanimously.
- Member Watson motioned to approve the six military ballots, and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Member Watson motioned to approve the 53 overseas ballots, and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.

- Chairman Quinn motioned to approve the ballots of 21,335 One-Stop/Early Voting voters, and the Board approved the absentee ballots unanimously.
- Staff member Noce informed the Board that there was a total turnout of 37,601 for OSEV through 3:00pm, and that additional OSEV votes cast after 3:00pm would be added to the tally.
- The Board questioned an absentee ballot that was signed 10 days prior to the date the voter signed the absentee.
 - Chairman Quinn moved the ballot be accepted and the Board unanimously agreed.
- Staff member 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 reject the one absentee ballot. The motion passed 4-1, with Chairman Quinn dissenting, and the ballot was rejected.
- The Board signed the OSEV poll book.
- 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:
 - Six early voting sites opened at 8 am on Saturday.
 - One site opened at 9:30 am Saturday due to the inclement weather.
 - Three early voting sites opened at 10 am Saturday due to the inclement weather.
- Director Duncan gave a summary of early voting turnout by site.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm. The next meeting will be 2:00 pm on March 3, 2020, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Roberts

Approved by:



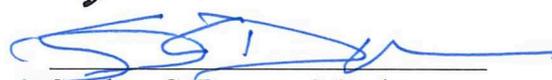
Jake Quinn, Chairman



Elizabeth Newman, Secretary



Jay Watson, Member



Stephen G. Duncan, Member

Linda Block, Member