



BUNCOMBE COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday October 20, 2020

3:00 pm

Welcome of Visitors

- I. Minutes
- II. Office Updates
- III. MAT Appointments
- IV. Absentee Review
- V. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule

Welcome Visitors and Introduction of Remote Meeting Features

Chairman Jake Quinn welcomed virtual guests.

Item One – Approval of Minutes

- The Board reviewed the Minutes of October 13.

Member Watson moved to adopt the minutes of October 13, the Board unanimously approved.

Item Two – Office Updates

- Staff member Noce provided the following updates
 - The absentee team is staying caught up in processing and mailing out requests.
- Director Duncan gave the following updates after returning from the commissioners meeting.
 - Absentee:
 - The office has received over 51,000 absentee by mail requests so far, over 7 times what was processed in 2016.
 - The office is now operating on a one day turnaround to get requests processed.
 - The team now has 10 full time employees; 35 part time employees & 50 volunteers working to make this happen.
 - More than 22,500 ballots have been returned so far.
 - Early Voting:
 - There were 7,977 voters on the first day.
 - 44,000 people have voted so far; combined with the number of absentee by mail ballots that have been returned that makes 66,000 people who have voted in Buncombe County. There approximately 205,000 registered voters.
 - 275 poll workers working 2 shifts to make early voting a success.
 - Support staff include:
 - One coordinator with 4 rovers.
 - 4 people operating a call center.
 - 4 people answering the public line.
 - 5 person night shift.
 - 24,000 people have checked the wait map.
 - Harrah's Cherokee Center is the only site that is underperforming.
 - Haywood Street is impassable due to construction;
 - Early voting information has been added to the marquee at the Cherokee Center.

- Director Duncan is working on making it known that there is one hour of free parking at the nearby parking garage.
- Election Day:
 - Fully staffed with 650 poll workers including backups
 - Support staff include:
 - 2 supply coordinators
 - 10 rovers
 - Everyone at the office will be taking calls on Election Day
 - Emergency services stationed at election services.
- The State Board of Elections have issued updated numbered memos regarding the cure process. These memos can be found on the State Board website.

Item Three – MAT appointments

- There are no MAT appointments for this meeting

Item Four – Absentee Review

- Staff member Noce first presented to the Board for approval the UOCAVA ballots. There are 271 ballots in this category;
 - 20 MIL and
 - 251 OVR
- There were over 5,000 absentee by mail ballots set for approval for this meeting from return dates between October 8 and October 16.
- The zero tapes were presented to the board from the DS850 before any scanning occurred.
- At 5:53 pm, staff member Noce brought attention to the Board of a voter who spoiled her first ballot and requested a second one. She returned her second ballot in her envelope that was first issued. The CIV number does not match but it belongs to a single voter.

Member Block motioned to approve the presented ballot. Member Newman seconded the motion and the Board unanimously voted to approve the ballot.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:15 and will reconvene in 30 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 6:51PM.

- 3,415 ballots were scanned in the first night, including the 271 UOCAVA ballots.

Item Five – Approval of Board Meeting Schedule

- The Board discussed reconvening October 21 at 3PM.
- The Board discussed the meeting schedule through canvass, the final schedule will be decided upon when the meeting reconvenes.

Public Comments

Public questions and comments from the virtual attendees were addressed.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 pm. The meeting will reconvene at 3:00 pm on October 21, 2020, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Reconvening of Board Meeting

October 21 (Continuation of October 20)

The continuation of the October 20 meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was at 3:07 pm October 21, 2020 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

Jake Quinn, Chairman (in person;
3 PM)

Linda Block (in person; 4:15PM)

Stephen G. Duncan (in person; 3
PM)

Elizabeth Newman (in person;
3PM)

Jay Watson (in person; 3PM)

Visitors-

7 virtual guests

BOE Staff-

Corinne Duncan, Director (in person)

Kaylea Noce, Absentee & Training

Specialist (in person)

Kevin Roberts, Administrative Technician
(in person)

James Vaughn (in person)

Roderick Dupree (in person)

Marc Zigterman (in person)

Kanthilata Kahaduwe (in person)

Patrick Kilroy (in person)

Anita Sparks (in person)

Alexa Benedict (in person)

Gregory Parlier (in person)

Emma Rose Trautmann-Galloway (in
person)

Item Four – Continuation of Absentee Review

- The Board resumed reviewing and opening absentee envelopes beginning with ballots from Precinct 44.1.
- At 4:25 pm staff member Noce presented an envelope which contained the wrong ballot which was discovered after it was opened by board members. Staff located the envelope that corresponded with the ballot in question, and it was from a member of the same household, but was checked in for a future Board meeting. Staff member Noce recommended to the Board that they agree to move that ballot to the current board meeting so that it would meet all the requirements of the policy passed during the October 13 board meeting.

Chairman Quinn moved to reassign the ballot to this meeting so the two ballots would meet the requirements of the policy. The Board unanimously passed the motion.

- At 6:06 pm precinct 16.2 needed to be rescanned because a voter who submitted a ballot by mail had voted in person at a one-stop site.
- The Board members checked the number on the DS850 machine to ensure that the number of absentee ballots scanned was also the number reviewed, the Board members agreed that the numbers matched.
- Staff member Noce presented the Board with the following ballots recommended for disapproval;
 - Envelopes that contained ballots whose CIV numbers did not match and did not meet the requirements of the policy.
 - The ballot of the voter who had gone to vote early.
 - The ballots of voters who have since passed away.
 - Ballot return envelopes where the signatures did not match the voter because the voters swapped envelopes; the Board reviewed each of these swaps, there were 14 in total, 7 pairs. The Board discussed the possibility of accepting the ballots as it was similar to the CIV swap.

Chairman Quinn moved to disapprove the 14 swapped ballots and that the voters be contacted. The Board voted 4-1 to pass the motion, Member Block dissented.

- A ballot that was pending cure; the voter's assigned ballot was returned in a household member's envelope and was reviewed and disapproved at an earlier meeting.
- One damaged envelope, and one ballot returned in a CVI envelope which is not a valid method of return.

Chairman Quinn moved to disapprove the remaining 12 ballots. The Board unanimously passed the motion.

- Staff member Noce then brought to the Board the two ballots from last meeting whose registration had been denied.

Chairman Quinn moved to disapprove the two ballots so the voters could be contacted. The Board unanimously passed the motion.

- The Board members were presented with the zero tapes from the beginning of the meeting as well as the final report of the number of absentee-by-mail ballots scanned during this meeting.
- A total of 28 absentee-by-mail ballots were disapproved during the meeting.

Chairman Quinn moved to approve the 5,423 ballots that were scanned during the meeting, Member Watson seconded and the Board passed the motion.

Item Five – Continuation of Approval of Board Meeting Schedule

- The Board discussed the meeting schedule through November 13.

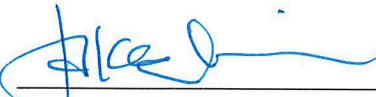
Chairman Quinn moved to adopt version 8 of the board meeting calendar; the Board unanimously adopted the updated calendar. A copy of the calendar is attached.

Public Comments


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The meeting adjourned at 7:05 on October 21. The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on October 27, 2020, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

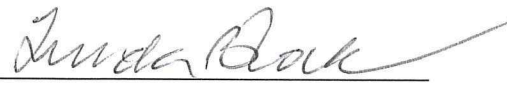
Minutes submitted by: Emma Rose Trautmann-Galloway

Approved by: 

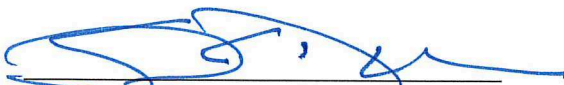
Jake Quinn, Chairman



Elizabeth Newman, Secretary



Linda Block, Member



Stephen G. Duncan, Member



Jay Watson, Member



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Board Meeting Date: 20-Oct-20

		APPROVED		
		Count total from Board	Cumulative total from	
		Checked Lists	Scanners	Daily Total from Scanners
Date		Generated in SEIMS	Generated by DS850	Calculated
Day 1	10/20/2020	3415	3415	3415
Day 2	10/21/2020	2008	5423	2008
GRAND TOTALS		5423		5423

		DISAPPROVED	
		Count total from Board	
		Checked Lists	
Date		Generated in SEIMS	
Day 1	10/20/2020	N/A	
Day 2	10/21/2020	28	
GRAND TOTALS		28	

Ballots are separated by precinct

Board Members use SEIMS generated lists to match to ballots

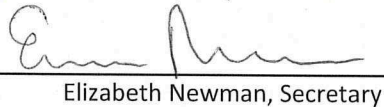
Staff use two DS850 scanners to count ballots removed from envelopes

The number counted by the Board must equal the number from the DS850 for every precinct

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURES:



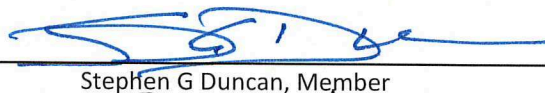
Jake Quinn, Chairman



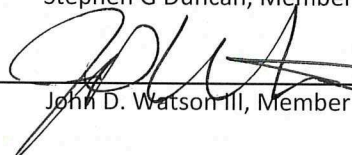
Elizabeth Newman, Secretary



Linda Block, Member



Stephen G Duncan, Member



John D. Watson III, Member

Buncombe County Election Services ***2020 General Election*** ***Board Meeting Schedule***

All public meetings conducted by the Buncombe County Board of Elections are held at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Schedule of Meetings: **(Subject to changes)**

Tuesday, October 20th @ 3:00pm **
Absentee Meeting
G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*

Tuesday, October 27th @ 3:00pm**
Absentee Meeting
G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*

Friday, October 30th @ 3:00pm
Absentee Meeting
Allowed by G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*

Saturday, October 31st @ 3:00pm**
Close of One Stop
G.S. 163A-1311 / 163-232*

Monday, November 2nd @ 6:00pm
Absentee Meeting
Allowed by G.S. 163A-1308 (f) / 163-230.1(c1)*

Tuesday, November 3rd @ 6:30am – 7:30pm**
General Election Day

Tuesday, November 3rd @ 2:00pm**
Counting of Absentee Ballots
G.S. 163A-1315(2) / 163-234*

Monday, November 9th @ 3:00pm
Supplemental Absentee Ballots

Thursday, November 12th @ 5:30pm
Supplemental Absentee & Provisional Ballots
G.S. 163A-1169 (a) (4) / 163-182.2*

Friday, November 13th @ 9:00am
Provisional Ballots
Supplemental Absentee Ballots to Follow
G.S. 163A-1346 (a) / 163-258.12*

Friday, November 13th @ 11:00am**
Canvass
G.S. 163A-1172 / 163-182.5*

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

***Statutory Meetings G.S.163 and HB 1169*