



BUNCOMBE COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday October 31, 2020

3:00 pm

Welcome of Visitors

- I. Office Updates
- II. Preliminary Early Voting Numbers
- III. Absentee Review

Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2020

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:07 pm October 31, 2020 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801. A copy of the agenda is attached.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and NC Safer at Home Order, the board meeting was held with limited in-person Board members and staff. Members of the public and additional staff were invited to attend virtually using Microsoft Teams. Directions on how to attend this virtual meeting are provided to the public on the Buncombe BOE website.

Present

Board Members-

Jake Quinn, Chairman (in person;

3:05PM)

Linda Block (in person; 3PM)

Stephen G. Duncan (in person;

3:05PM)

Elizabeth Newman (in person; 3PM)

Jay Watson (in person; 3PM)

Visitors-

4 virtual guests

BOE Staff-

Corinne Duncan, Director (in person)

Kaylea Noce, Absentee & Training Specialist
(in person)

Kevin Roberts, Administrative Technician (in
person)

Kanthilata Kahaduwe (in person)

Mary Soyenova (in person)

Marc Zigterman (in person)

Patrick Kilroy (in person)

Anita Sparks (in person)

Alexa Benedict (in person)

Mary Kancevitch (in person)

Shalene Hill (in person)

Sara Joss (in person)

Rodrick Dupree (in person)

Charles Forest (in person)

Francine Noel (in person)

Emma Appleby (in person)

Ian Thompson (in person)

Emma Rose Trautmann-Galloway (in person)

Welcome Visitors and Introduction of Remote Meeting Features

Chairman Jake Quinn welcomed virtual guests.

Item One – Office Updates

- Director Duncan gave the following update:
 - Schedules for the meetings on Monday and Election Day are being finalized and will be emailed out soon in order to make everyone aware of the tasks that need to be accomplished.

Item Two – Preliminary Early Voting Numbers

- Auditing for early voting began when the polls closed at 3PM. There will be a finalized report of all absentee voters for the Board to sign at the meeting on Monday, November 2.
- Director Duncan provided the Board with preliminary one-stop numbers broken down for each site. A copy of the handout is attached.
 - 105,583 is the approximate total of votes cast during early voting. This does not include same-day registrations from the final day which still need to be processed.
 - Approximately 32,000 absentee-by-mail votes have been tallied, these combined with early voting turnout totals approximately 140,000 votes cast which is the total number of voters who participated in 2016.
- All of the early voting sites saw fairly consistent numbers. Weaverville Town Hall over performed significantly and Harrah's Cherokee Center was the only site that underperformed compared to the rest.

Item Three – Absentee Review

- Staff member Noce first presented to the Board for approval 25 UOCAVA ballots;
 - 16 OVR and
 - 9 MIL ballots
- There were 1,597 CIV ballots set for approval for this meeting.
- The Board members checked the number on the DS850 scanner to make sure the number read 0 according to the zero report that was printed out, all members agreed that the machine was good to start scanning.
- Staff member Noce presented three ballots where the CIV number on the ballot did not match that on the envelope due to staff error.

Chairman Quinn moved to approve the three ballots for duplication and scanning in this meeting, the Board passed the motion.

- Staff member Noce presented a ballot where a CIV swap had occurred due to staff error, but because of the layout of the labels the voter was sent the wrong ballot style. The individual has the possibility to vote the correct ballot style on November 3, or to have their vote partially cast. All but one race is the same.

- Staff recommendation was to hold the ballot until after November 3 in a sealed envelope to see if the voter was able to vote the correct ballot style in person.

Chairman Quinn moved to defer consideration of the ballot until after November 3, the Board passed the motion unanimously.

- Staff member Noce presented two ballots that were reviewed by the Board at the previous Board meeting. The Board had voted to approve and scan the ballots at the next meeting. Since then one of those voters had since passed away and the other had voted early, making their ballots ineligible for approval.

Chairman Quinn moved to disapprove the two ballots that were presented, the Board passed the motion unanimously.

- Staff member Noce presented the ballot of a voter who moved within the state after submitting their absentee ballot. They are no longer an eligible voter in Buncombe County.

Member Watson moved to disapprove the ballot due to the removed status of the voter, the motion carried 4-1, Chairman Quinn dissented.

- Staff member Noce presented three ballots that were recommended for disapproval. All of the affected voters have been contacted.
 - Two of the ballots were missing a witness entirely.
 - One ballot where the signature on the return envelope did not match that of the voter the envelope was assigned to.

Member Block moved to disapprove the three presented ballots, the Board passed the motion unanimously.

- At the end of the night the board members checked the number on the DS850 scanner to ensure that it matched the report of total ballots reviewed, all members agreed that the numbers matched.

Chairman Quinn moved to approve the 1,621 absentee-by-mail ballots reviewed and scanned at the meeting, the Board passed the motion unanimously.

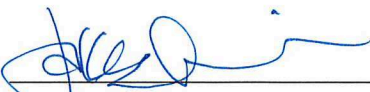
Public Comments

Public questions and comments from the virtual attendees were addressed.


The meeting adjourned at 6:51 on October 31. The next meeting will be at 6:00 pm on November 2, 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

**Preliminary Totals for One-Stop Early Voting Locations 2020
General**

Early Voting Site	Number of Voters
ASHEVILLE MALL	8827
ASHEVILLE OUTLETS	6556
BEE TREE FIRE DEPARTMENT	5648
BLACK MOUNTAIN BRANCH LIBRARY	6581
DR. WESLEY GRANT SR - SOUTHSIDE CTR.	4325
ENKA/CANDLER BRANCH LIBRARY	8628
FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER	7450
HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CENTER ASHEVILLE	2765
LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL	5810
LEICESTER COMMUNITY CENTER	5268
REYNOLDS VILLAGE	6297
SOUTH BUNCOMBE BRANCH LIBRARY	8742
TURTLE CREEK SHOPPING CENTER	5950
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE	4839
WEAVERVILLE TOWN HALL	10334
WEST ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER	7532
Site Totals	105552
Same Day Registrations	301
Grand Total	105853



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Board Meeting Date: 31-Oct-20

		APPROVED		
		Count total from Board Checked Lists	Cumulative total from Scanners	Daily Total from Scanners
Date		Generated in SEIMS	Generated by DS850	Calculated
Day 1	10/31/2020	1621	1621	1621
Day 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GRAND TOTALS		1621		1621

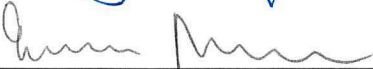
		DISAPPROVED
		Count total from Board Checked Lists
Date		Generated in SEIMS
Day 1	10/31/2020	6
Day 2	N/A	N/A
GRAND TOTALS		6

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