MINUTES
March 2, 2020
3:00 P.M.
Wake County Board of Elections

Chair Greg Flynn called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Wake County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Greg Flynn, Keith Weatherly, Erica Porter, Gerry Cohen, Angela Hawkins, Director Gary Sims, Deputy Director Olivia McCall, and staff members Shanya Scott and Ariel Bushel.

The Board lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Keith Weatherly, second by Erica Porter, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 25, 2020 board meeting.

Chair Greg Flynn opened the floor for public comments.

On motion by Erica Porter, second by Gerry Cohen, the Board unanimously directed staff to run absentee by mail ballots approved on February 25, 2020 through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator.

On motion by Erica Porter, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved and signed the Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing of DS200 Tabulator, DS850 High Speed Tabulator, and AutoMark.

After review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously approved and signed the list of precinct officials and substitute officials.

Director Gary Sims presented 1,839 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications.

After discussion and review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the 1,839 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications and to open and flatten the approved absentee by mail ballots and hold them in a secure location in preparation of running them through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator at a future scheduled board meeting.

Director Gary Sims presented 22 Military and 141 Overseas replicated e-mail ballots and absentee ballot container envelope applications received by mail.

After discussion and review, on motion by Erica Porter, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the 22 Military and 141 Overseas absentee ballots presented and to open and flatten the approved absentee by mail and replicated e-mail ballots and hold them in a secure location in preparation of running them through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator at a future scheduled board meeting.

Director Gary Sims presented 5 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications pending for Board review.

After discussion, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-2848.

After discussion, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Erica Porter, the Board unanimously approved Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-4307.

On motion by Greg Flynn, second by Gerry Cohen, the Board directed staff to contact the voter for the name of the witness and address written on Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-3065.

After discussion, on motion by Keith Weatherly, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously denied Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-4332 and CIV-4256 due to the voter not signing their own absentee envelope. Staff will contact the voters to vote on Election Day.

Director Gary Sims presented 19 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications with voter signature missing.

On motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Erica Porter, the Board unanimously denied 19 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications. List is attached.

Director Gary Sims presented 4 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications with incomplete witness information.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Erica Porter, the Board unanimously denied 4 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope applications. List is attached.

Director Gary Sims presented 1 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application with improper notarization.

On motion by Keith Weatherly, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously denied 1 Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application and directed staff to refer the absentee envelope with incorrect notarization to the Secretary of State. List is attached.

The Board signed the zero tape and results tape of the absentee by mail ballots approved on February 25, 2020 ran through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator.

Under New Business, Angela Hawkins requested the Board of Elections staff to ask the North Carolina State Board of Elections for statutory guidance on Power of Attorney assistance with absentee by mail ballots.

Deputy Director Olivia McCall provided an update to CIV-3065 and staff were able to contact the voter. The voter contacted the witness and the witness verified their information and address.

On motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Erica Porter, the Board unanimously approved Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-3065.

The Board went to recess at 4:48 p.m.

The Board returned from recess at 5:15 p.m.

Director Gary Sims presented 6 Civilian, 4 Military, and 38 Overseas additional replicated e-mail ballots and absentee ballot container envelope applications received by mail received before 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Erica Porter, second by Angela Hawkins, The Board unanimously approved 6 Civilian, 4 Military, and 38 Overseas additional replicated e-mail ballots and absentee ballot container envelope applications received by mail and to open and flatten the approved absentee by mail and replicated e-mail ballots and hold them in a secure location in preparation of running them through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator at a future scheduled board meeting.

Director Gary Sims presented 1 additional Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application with voter signature missing.

On motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously denied Civilian absentee ballot container envelope application CIV-4877. List is attached.

The Board signed and approved the early voting and absentee ballot total.

Chair Greg Flynn signed the Military and Overseas Certificate of Oath.

Chair Greg Flynn signed the Civilian Certificate of Oath.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Keith H. Weatherly, Secretary
Wake County Board of Elections