

Duplin County Board of Elections

Absentee Board Meeting

March 4, 2024

5:00 PM

The Duplin County Board of Election Absentee meeting Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Duplin County Board of Elections office. Members in attendance were:

Angela B. Mainor, **Board Chair**

Ann Henderson, **Secretary**

Larry Cooper, **Board Member**

Vickie Ezzell, **Board Member**

Also present: Jasmine Gadsden, **Director**

Carrie Sullivan, **Deputy Director**

Call to Order: Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor at 5:10 PM

Invocation: Given by Board Member, Vickie Ezzell.

Public Comments: No public comments were given.

Approval of Agenda/Previous Board Minutes: Board Member, Vickie Ezzell made the motion to approve the agenda and previous Board Minutes with the exclusion of the November 2023 and February 26, 2024 Closed Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary, Ann Henderson, who noted that changes were still being made to the prior Closed Session minutes. (November 6, 2023 and October 27, 2024 closed session meeting.)

All members present were in favor and the previous Board minutes were approved.

Absentees: Director Jasmine Gadsden stated that there were 17 Absentees to process. The Board accepted all 17 Absentee ballots. The total on the DS200 is now 39 Absentee ballots.

Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that 131 Absentee ballots had been mailed out and only 39 had been returned so far. Director Jasmine Gadsden reminded the Board that the deadline to return Absentee ballots for civilians is by 7:30 PM on Election Day.

Early Voting: Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that a total of 1,882 voters cast ballots at the Early Voting sites. Director Gadsden further explained that of that total, 617 voters cast their ballots at the Wallace Precinct and 1,265 voters cast their ballots at the Kenansville precinct.

Election Day: Director Jasmine Gadsden presented a list of the addresses of all 19 voting precincts and a travel sheet to all Board members for their Election Day travel. Director Jasmine Gadsden also issued

*Minutes approved by Duplin County board members at the Absentee Board meeting on March 14, 2024

each Board Member a new County Board Guide that was prepared by the State Board of Elections and asked that they refer to that guide in addition to the original guide that they were issued when they were sworn in.

Vickie Ezzell: Board Member, Vickie Ezzell asked to bring to the Board’s attention that she made a derogatory comment to Director Jasmine Gadsden at the previous meeting. Board Member, Vickie Ezzell stated that she had made the comment in the heat of the moment and that it bothered her that she had done it. Board Member, Vickie Ezzell further stated that this was not the type of person that she was and that she personally called Director Jasmine Gadsden the next afternoon to apologize. Board Member, Vickie Ezzell apologized to the Board and Director Jasmine Gadsden for her conduct.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board Meeting: In person Meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Adjourn: Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor made a motion to adjourn. Board Secretary, Ann Henderson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela B. Mainor, Board Chair

Ann Henderson, Secretary

Larry Cooper, Board Member

Vickie Ezzell, Board Member

Prepared by Carrie Sullivan, Deputy Director

Reviewed by Jasmine Gadsden, Director