

Duplin County Board of Elections

Pre-Canvass Board Meeting

March 14, 2024

5:00 PM

The Duplin County Board of Election Pre-Canvass meeting Thursday, March 14, 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 5:02 PM

Invocation: Given by Board Member, Vickie Ezzell.

Public Comments: No public comments were given.

Approval of Agenda/Previous Board Minutes: Board Member, Larry Cooper made the motion to approve the agenda and previous Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Vickie Ezzell. Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor brought the motion to a vote while adding that this approval did not include the Closed Session minutes from November 6, 2023 or February 26, 2024, as they still have not been prepared or submitted by Board Secretary, Ann Henderson as of yet.

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

Absentees: Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that there were 6 Absentee Ballots to process. The Board reviewed the Absentee Ballots and accepted 5 of them. 1 Absentee Ballot was not approved due to a deficiency of no signature by the voter.

The total on the Supplemental Absentee DS200 is 5.

Provisionals: Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that there were 40 Provisional Ballots that were submitted on Election Day. After a thorough review process, it was determined that 14 of the Provisional Ballots would be approved. Of that 14, 1 ballot had already been submitted into the DS200 on Election Day, leaving the Board to submit 13 into the DS200.

Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor made a motion to accept 14 Provisional Ballots, to include the 1 that went into the DS200 on Election Day. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary, Ann Henderson.

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All members present were in favor and the 14 Provisional Ballots were approved.

The total on the Provisional DS200 is 13.

After a thorough review process, it was determined that 26 Provisional Ballots would not be accepted. Director Gadsden stated that those 26 were not accepted due to voting out of party affiliation and no record of registration in Duplin County.

Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor made a motion not to approve the 26 Provisional Ballots. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Larry Cooper.

All members present were in favor and the 26 Provisional Ballots were not approved.

Closing of Machines: The Supplemental DS200 and the Provisional DS200 were closed out at 5:46PM

Early Voting Schedule: Director Jasmine Gadsden presented the Board with the proposed Early Voting Schedule for the possible upcoming Second Primary. Director Jasmine Gadsden indicated that if a Second Primary was declared by the State Board of Elections, that it would most likely only include the Republican races for Lt. Governor and State Auditor because no candidate in those races received 30 percent of the votes. Director Jasmine Gadsden proposed that the Early Voting site be the Elections Office during normal business hours.

Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor made a motion to approve the Early Voting Schedule in the event of a Second Primary Election and to approve the Early Voting site as the Elections Office located at 160 Mallard Street in Kenansville. The motion was seconded by Board Member, Larry Cooper.

All members present were in favor and the schedules were approved.

Legal Update: Director Jasmine Gadsden stated that Senate Bill 749 had been blocked and that the County Board will remain as a 5-member board at this time. Director Jasmine Gadsden informed the Board that an appeal had already been filed since this ruling and that she would continue to update the Board as the process continues.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board Meeting: In person Canvass Meeting Friday, March 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Adjourn: Board Member, Larry Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Board Chair, Angela B. Mainor seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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