

Buncombe County Board of Elections
Asheville/Buncombe County Board of Elections

Monitor Name: Elaine Elam in person

Date & Time: May 13, 2024 3:30 PM

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Mary Ann Braine, Board Member

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Secretary

Sally Stein: Board Member

Names of Buncombe Co Staff Attending: Corrine Duncan, Director; Devin Whitney, Elections Technical Specialist; Justin Tate, Absentee Coordinator; Anna Katherine Moore, Administrative Coordinator and Clerk to the Board; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist

Location of Meeting: 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville NC

Observers:

3 observers as follows: 1 Republican, 1 Democrat, 1 LWVAB

Agenda Items

I. Agenda for this meeting approved 5/0

II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10) – for the May 7 meeting approved 5/0.

III. Office Updates – Corrine Duncan, Director

- Office was open on Saturday and Sunday working to close early voting on Saturday.
- There were a total of 262 early voters.
- After early voting was closed out on Saturday the ballots were audited and the data was compiled for the computers on Election Day.
- On Sunday they checked out half of the chief judges with their supplies and today they gave supplies to the other chief judges. They are currently setting up at the polling places.
- Corrine did media availability this afternoon at 2 PM and will do another one tomorrow at the end of the day.
- The “I Voted Sticker” contest opens tomorrow. The entrants who wish to submit their art work must be under 18 years old.
- The staff will start work at 5:30 AM tomorrow. A light breakfast will be available at that time with a regular breakfast at 7:30 AM. The board members must be available by phone after 6 AM. 10-2-4 will be happening tomorrow as normal. Lunch will be at noon.

- The board meeting will start at 5 PM. The meeting will start with the early voting plan and then close early voting and absentee by mail. Then the meeting will move over to the warehouse. Full team will be at the warehouse checking in the chief judges. They will have 15 county volunteers helping also.

IV. Absentee Ballot Review (GS §163-230.1(f)) – Justin Tate

- 19 civilian, 1 overseas, 6 ID exception
- Board reviewed and approved all of the above
- Total of 26

V. Certified List of Approved Absentees (G.S. § 163-232)

- Chairman Quinn took the oath certifying the military and overseas ballots and the oath certifying the absentee ballots that have been received and reviewed to date.
- Mr. Shults asked what would happen if additional ballots were to be received after tonight but before the close of Election Day tomorrow. Mr. Tate said that this would be covered by a supplemental oath.
- Mr. Black (audience member) asked how many voting sites there will be tomorrow. Mr. Quinn replied that there will be 80 voting sites (each precinct).
- Mary Ann Braine asked Director Duncan whether EMS had a plan for dealing with potential campus unrest if it was to occur in November. Director Duncan said she would inquire.
- Neggy Fox contacted Director Duncan and asked that the Board be given an update on Early voting sites plan for the SW corner of the County. She has currently contacted 5 potential sites (Upper Hominy FD, Pole Creek Baptist Church, Hominy Baptist Church, and Beaverdam Community Center)
- Upper Hominy FD declined
- Pole Creek Baptist Church no reply
- Hominy Baptist Church no reply
- Maple Ridge Baptist Church declined
- Beaverdam Community Center said yes, but this site is not suitable
- Discussion will continue about suitable sites in SW county area at tomorrow's meeting beginning at 5PM.

VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 pm

Location: 59 Woodfin Place