

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

Monitor Name: Elaine Elam and George Elam in person and Aiden Carson virtual

Date & Time: November 1, 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; Anna Katherine Moore, Administrative Coordinator and Clerk to the Board; Justin Tate, Absentee Coordinator; Devin Whitney, Elections Technical Specialist; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Nathaniel Speier, Candidate Coordinator; Joyce Kanavel; 5 MAT team members

Location of Meeting: 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville NC

Observers:

4 in person including 2 LWVAB. 2 online including 1 LWV.

Agenda Items

I. Agenda for this meeting approved without objection

II. Office Updates – Corrine Duncan, Director

- There are 2264 Absentee Ballots to be processed today.
- Early voting numbers surpassed 2020 overall. There are 8563 absentee ballots thus far or 53% of registered voters.
- Ms. Duncan and Chairman Quinn drove out to see the temporary structure out on Rte.9 and were impressed by how fancy it is. They lost count of the number of landslides out that way. People in that area are sharing voter information on social media and they saw mail being delivered to mailboxes.

III. Absentee Ballot Review (G.S. § 163-230.1(f)) Justin Tate

- Justin presented 60 pending ballots to 5 bipartisan teams made up of Board members and MAT team members. All 60 Absentee Ballots were approved 5/0.
- Justin presented 21 Military and 47 Overseas ballots to be reviewed concurrently. The Board approved them all 5/0.
- Justin presented 395 ID Exception ballots. All 395 were approved 5/0.
- Justin presented 1691 Civilian Ballots.
 - There was one ballot with a noxious smell and stain. Chairman Quinn and Ms. Braine donned gloves and mask and took the ballot outside to

open while the Board viewed from the window. The ballot proved to be harmless and had to be duplicated.

- There was one case in which 2 Absentee Ballots were sent out to the same person and the second ballot was sent in using the envelope from the first. The ballot was approved 5/0, with assurances that the voter would not be allowed to vote twice.
- One ballot was submitted with a Minnesota license yet the voter had registered long before the 90 day window. It was disapproved 5/0.
- There was one ballot with a CID mismatch but the corresponding ballot was found in today's batch. It was approved 5/0.
- There were 2 ballots with CID mismatch and no corresponding ballots in today's batch. Disapproved 5/0.
- One ballot had a witness signature but no printed witness name. There was some discussion, with Chairman Quinn saying they don't know who the witness is and Mr. Shults saying the Board does not have to worry about the ambiguity. Chairman Quinn moved to disapprove. The vote was 4/1 in favor of approval and the ballot was approved.
- One envelope was received with no ballot inside. Disapproved 5/0.
- There was one ballot with a note stating that there was an attached notary certification but none was found. The ballot was to be removed from today's list and added to the pending list for the next meeting.
- Tonight's total 1686 of the 1691 civilian ballots approved. 5-0.
- 2259 Absentee Ballots were approved tonight.

Monitors left the meeting at about 10 PM, before final processing of the security envelopes and boxes.

VII. Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, at 5:30 PM.

Location: 59 Woodfin Place