

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

**Monitor Name:** George Elam and Elaine Elam in person

**Date & Time:** November 14, 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; Victoria Pickens, Accounting Technician and Campaign Finance; Neggy Fox, Deputy Director; Justin Tate, Absentee Coordinator; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Karen Rae, Elections Coordinator; Nathaniel Speier, Candidate Coordinator; Joyce Kanavel; 2 others, plus 8 duplicators

**Location of Meeting:** 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville NC

**Observers:**

11 Total in person including 2 LWVAB, 1 Common Cause, 1 Dem, 1 attorney for vote protection

**I. Agenda for this meeting approved without objection**

**II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10)** passed by acclamation for 10-29, 11-1, 11-4, 11-5, 11-8, 11-12

**III. Office Updates – Corrine Duncan, Director**

- Ms. Duncan went over the flow of the meetings for tonight and tomorrow.
- Need to decide the times for the possible recount. It was decided that on Tuesday the 19th hours will be 1-5 pm. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be from 8am - 5 pm. All at the warehouse at 50 Coxe Ave.
- Deadline for candidate requested recount is noon Tuesday. NCSBOE wanted counties to start on Wednesday. Ms. Duncan thought Tuesday would be better. All Board members do not need to be in session. So they can decide who will be in attendance at any one time. Must be bipartisan.
- Motion by Chairman Quinn to start recount Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Passed 5-0
- Corrine resumed her update. Devin will present a voter challenge tomorrow. The voter voted on the wrong record.
- Ms. Duncan discussed the time crunch for this election, including a last minute change in ballots to remove a candidate and the hurricane that shortened the time to prepare. The hurricane caused more requests for

absentee ballots and also an increase in provisional ballots. A lot more work in a shorter amount of time for staff.

- She recommended starting on the Absentee ballots first tonight.
- Today there were 3 voters who voted on the wrong record. The NCSBOE was contacted. There is no way to cure due to time.
- Tomorrow is canvass. If we can finish the provisionals tonight, about 1,400, then there will be no need for a 9 am meeting tomorrow.
- Devin will present same day registrations that were undeliverable. He will also present the challenge hearings.
- Tomorrow Devin, Bria, and Victoria will present the final numbers for Early voting, absentee, and Election Day. It will take about an hour to print the reports.
- Tuesday the 19th at 5 pm is the deadline for a protest. Griffin vs Riggs. Second place candidate must request the recount. Must be differential less than 1%.

#### **IV. Supplemental Absentee Ballot Review (G.S. § 163-231(b)(2)) Justin Tate**

- Justin presented 4 for review.
- 1 ballot had mismatched CID and was disapproved 5-0
- 3 ballots were approved 5-0
- Justin stated that 2 military ballots came in and were sent to Hendersonville in error due to the names on both being Henderson.
- Ms. Braine moved to approve the 2 passed 5-0
- Justin presented 3 overseas ballots for review. Ms. Stein moved to approve the 3. Passed 5-0
- Justin presented 18 civilian exception form ballots.
- Mr. Aceto moved to approve 3 partial ballots. 1 from 16.2, and 2 from 22.2. Wrong ballot styles, have to be duplicated. Passed 5-0.
- Mr. Shuler moved to approve the 15 other ballots with exception forms. Passed 5-0
- Justin presented 49 civilian absentee ballots with IDs. Motion to approve by Ms. Stein. Passed 5-0.
- Of the 76 absentee ballots reviewed tonight, 1 was disapproved, leaving 75.
- Justin brought in 2 additional civilian ballots that arrived before the 5 pm deadline. They were approved and added, totaling 77 absentee ballots.
- Mr. Aceto moved to approve 77 absentee ballots. Passed 5-0
- Audience attendee Mr. Peterson asked for data for the late absentee ballots. Chairman Quinn stated those ballots will not be opened so the question on whether they would have been counted under the old law can't be answered. Re. Date of acceptance previous law.
- Another audience member asked about the process for ballots received after the end of early voting, 3pm, and the opening of voting on Election Day. Those ballots are delivered via Sheriff's Deputies to the appropriate precinct to be

added in the count starting on Election Day. No number was given as to how many ballots were in this gap.

- Chairman Quinn took the oath for military and overseas ballots, and then took the oath for absentee ballots.
- The supplemental abstract passed 5-0

#### **V. Provisional Ballots (G.S. § 163-82.4(f)) Victoria Pickens**

- Ms. Duncan said the provisional ballots are broken down into three categories: partially approved, fully approved, and disapproved.
- The partially approved must be duplicated.
- There were 141 partial, 533 recommended for approval, and 737 recommended for disapproval. 1411 total.
- There were 4 incomplete provisional ballots.
- Victoria presented the 737 ballots to be disapproved. Also 4 ballots with the wrong ballot style. Partial count, and must be duplicated.
- Victoria presented one ballot that was previously rejected in error and should be counted. Marked incorrect on the envelope.
- That changes the numbers.
- $141+4 = 145$  ballots with wrong style
- $533-3=530$  ballots fully approved.
- $737-1$  ballot disapproved
- Total tonight 1411
- Chairman Quinn moved to approve the above ballots. Passed 5-0.
- The 950 tabulator team was heard to cheer. They had balanced count.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:39 am.

#### **VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM**

- **Location 59 Woodfin Place**