

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 – 10:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Chambers.

Board Members Present: Ophelia Wright, Chair; Tom Schoolfield, Secretary; Nelson Cole, Member; Thurman Hampton, Member; and Sarah Totten, Member.

Staff Members Present: Paula Seamster, Director and Brian Ferrell, Attorney

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Wright. Chair Wright welcomed the members of the audience as well as the Board Members.

**ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Hampton.

**ITEM #3 – INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Kevin Duncan with Sharon Baptist Church in Reidsville.

**ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ITEM #7 – 2021 MUNICIPAL PRECINCT OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS**

The Director informed the Board that some of the Precinct Chief Judge had to be changed and she asked the Board for approval of the updated 2021 Municipal Precinct Officials appointments. She added that all of the Chief Judges except one attended their training last week. The Director also thanked the Board for attending the Chief Judges training.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that the list says it is for the 2021 and he asked if the Board would have to approve new precinct officials next year. The Director responded that the Precinct Officials that the Board approved at its last meeting will be the Chief Judges and Judges for the next election.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 2021 Municipal Precinct Officials Appointments. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**ITEM # 8 – 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PREPARATIONS**

**Training**

The Director stated that Chief Judge Training was held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. 8 Chief Judges were present, 1 was sick and the 5 Board Members were present. She thanked Kathy Clark, Deputy Director, for conducting the training. Precinct Officials Training will start today, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. She added that all of the trainings will be held at the Board of Elections office.

**Mock Election**

The Director informed the Board that the Mock Election was originally scheduled for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> but now will be delayed.

**Equipment/Ballot Setup and Testing**

The Director informed the Board that the Logic & Accuracy Testing was originally scheduled for Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> but now will be delayed due to the individual that normally does the testing has an immediate family member that tested positive for COVID which will also cause the delay in the Mock Election. The State Board will be contacted to see how to handle the Logic & Accuracy Testing and Mock Election.

**One Stop (Early) Voting**

The Director stated that One Stop (Early) Voting will begin on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and will end on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. One Stop will be held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and then on the last Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> it will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will be held at the Board of Elections office.

**Election Day**

The Director stated that Election Day will be held on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. She gave the locations for Elections: First Baptist Church of Draper in Eden, Bridge Street Recreation Center in Eden, Osbourne Baptist Church in Eden, Leaksville Christian Church in Eden, Vera Holland Building in Stoneville, Reidsville Alliance Church in Reidsville, Zion Baptist Church in Reidsville, Rockingham County Agricultural Building in Reidsville, and Madison Mayodan Public Library. She stated that all of these are on the Board of Elections website.

**Canvass**

The Director stated that Canvass will take place on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections Office.

**ITEM #12 – DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

**Preliminary 2021 Election Schedule**

The Director presented the Board with the Preliminary 2021 Election Schedule. She asked the Board about the Regular Board meeting schedule for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. if the Board would like to reschedule that Board meeting for later in the day due to the Absentee Board meeting that will take place at 5:00 p.m. The Director stated that the Absentee Board Meetings will be held at the Board of Elections office and can be viewed via Zoom due to Covid restrictions and the size of the offices at the Board of Elections office.

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<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
Friday - October 1, 2021	Absentee by Mail Begins
Friday - October 8, 2021	Voter Registration Deadline
Tuesday - October 12, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Thursday - October 14, 2021	One-Stop (Early) Voting Begins
Tuesday - October 19, 2021	Regular Board Meeting @ 10:00 am
Tuesday - October 19, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - October 26, 2021	Last Day to Request an Absentee by Mail Ballot
Tuesday - October 26, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - October 30, 2021	One-Stop (Early) Voting Ends @ 3:00 pm
Monday - November 1, 2021	UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
Monday - November 1, 2021	UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline
Monday - November 1, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting Pre-Election Day @ 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - November 2, 2021	Municipal Elections - Polls Open at 6:30 am and Close at 7:30 pm
Tuesday - November 2, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - November 2, 2021	Absentee by Mail Ballots Due to the County Board of Elections - By 5:00 pm
Tuesday - November 2, 2021	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Friday - November 5, 2021	Provisional/Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Monday - November 8, 2021	Provisional/Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday - November 9, 2021	County Canvass Meeting - 11:00 am

Secretary Schoolfield asked who was on the Absentee Board. The Director responded that the Absentee Board is the Board of Elections members.

Chair Wright asked if these meetings were listed on the website. The Director responded that she would make sure to get the meetings listed on the website.

**Wellness Check with the North Carolina State Board of Elections conducted on Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

The Director informed the Board that the Wellness Check went very well on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**NEW BOARD OF ELECTIONS ATTORNEY**

Chair Wright introduced Brian Ferrell as the new attorney for the Board of Elections and she asked Mr. Ferrell to tell everyone a little about himself.

Mr. Brian Ferrell stated that he is a lawyer with the firm Kennon Craver in Durham, NC and has been working with local governments for about 15 years. He added that he appreciated the opportunity to be with the Board of Elections and looked forward to working with the Board of Elections moving forward.

Chair Wright thanked Member Hampton and Secretary Schoolfield for all the work they did in the search for an attorney.

**ITEM #10 – CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:22 a.m. **Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to go into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1), attorney/client privilege (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), and personnel (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) (Senior Deputy Director) . The motion carried unanimously.**

At 12:30 p.m. **Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to go back into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:33 p.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair