



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### Agenda

**Regular Meeting**  
**November 15, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Rockingham County Board of Elections**  
**240 Cherokee Camp Road**  
**Reidsville, NC 27320**

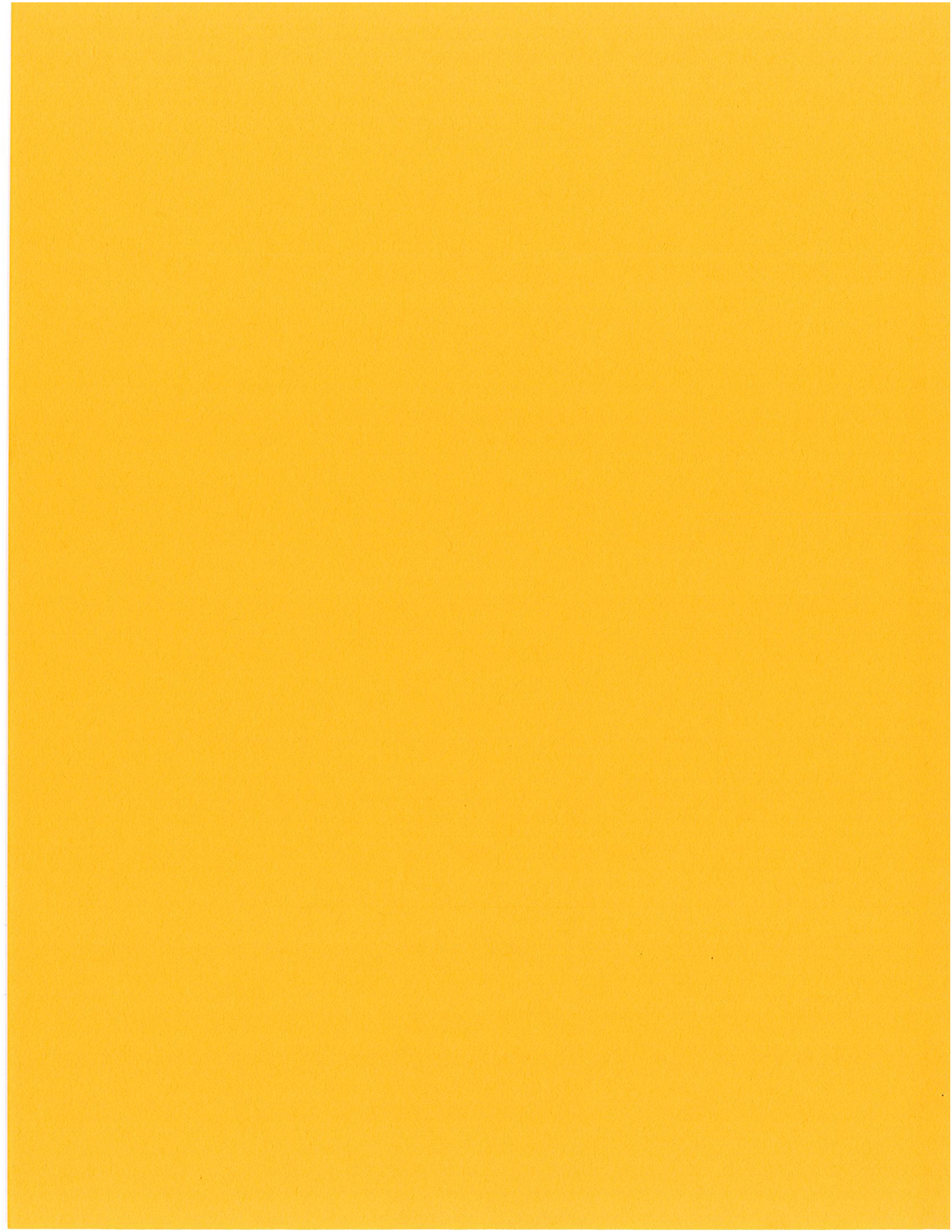
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1. Welcome / Call to Order Chair Wright
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Reality Church in Stoneville
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  - a. October 11, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes
  - b. October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - c. October 18, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes
  - d. October 25, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes
  - e. November 1, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes
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  - g. November 8, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comments
7. Director's Update Paula Seamster
  - a. 2022 General Election Update
8. Adjournment







**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director informed the Board that the Absentee Ballot that was put into review at the last Absentee Meeting. She stated that after a staff review, the voter had called and stated that he had not received his absentee ballot so the first ballot was spoiled in the system and a new ballot was mailed out to the voter. The voter finally received both of the absentee ballots and sent the last ballot back in the original spoiled ballot envelope.

Member Hampton stated that in order for the Board to take action on this absentee ballot the Board would need to make a motion to remove the ballot from the review status and to put it back into active status.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to remove the absentee ballot from the review status and to add into the active status of the other absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that the Board of Elections had received 29 new absentee ballots and with the 1 absentee ballot that the Board had approved to put back into active status, the Board had 30 absentee ballots to review.

Member Totten found one absentee ballot where the CIV #s did not match on the envelope and the ballot. Member Hampton found one absentee ballot envelope that did not have a ballot inside.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to approve 28 CIV absentee ballots, to disapprove 1 CIV absentee ballot, and to review 1 of the absentee ballots that were received. The motion carried unanimously.**

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After the Board approved the absentee ballots, the ballots were inserted into the DS200 voting machine. The DS200 did reject numerous ballots during this process.

**At 5:37 p.m. Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to reconvene the meeting to take up the matter of the voting machine rejection rate. The motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Schoolfield raised a concern about the ballots not being accepted. He stated that he had a concern about the weight of the ballot paper. He was very concerned about the rejection rate of the ballot machine and also stated that the manufacturer of the machines needed to be contacted. Secretary Schoolfield asked if the Director could find out the mill gauge on the ballot paper. He also wanted to bring this to the attention of the State Board.

The Director stated that she thought the problem with the voting machines rejecting the ballots was due to the creases in the ballot because the BOE would fold the ballot one way to mail out and the voter would refold the ballot another way when mailing it back to the BOE.

The Board asked the Director to check with other counties to see if they were experiencing the same issue with the voting machines as well as check with the State Board of Elections. The Board also asked the Director to get in touch with the manufacturer of the paper and the DS200 voting machine.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

**At 5:56 p.m. Member Cole, 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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 10:00 AM  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at 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.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Wright. Chair Wright welcomed the Board members and the guests that were present as well as those watching via the internet.

**ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Schoolfield.

**ITEM #3 – INVOCATION**

Chair Wright gave the invocation. The person that was going to give the invocation had a family emergency.

**ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 4, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

With no one signed up for Public Comments, Chair Wright closed Public Comments.

**ITEM #7 – AUTHORITY OF CHIEF JUDGES AND ONE STOP SITE COORDINATORS AT THE POLLING SITES**

The Director stated that in that Board packet she provided some information regarding the North Carolina General Statute 163-48. Maintenance of Order at Place of Registration and Voting as well as the Numbered Memo 2022-12 from the North Carolina State Board of Elections which also addresses the authority of chief judges and the One Stop Site Coordinators at the polling places. She stated that the County Boards have a responsibility to ensure their poll workers are equipped to maintain order at the polls. State law requires county boards to “ensure that adequate procedures are in place at each polling place for a safe, secure, fair, and honest election. County boards should ensure that all elections officials are familiar with the county board’s emergency plan and know who to contact if a problem arises. The Director stated that all the chief judges and the one stop site coordinators do have the emergency plans and are prepared just in case. The Director read NCGS 163-48.



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**ITEM #8 – SECURITY DURING THE ELECTION**

The Director stated that the security during the election went right in line with the authority of the chief judges and the one stop site coordinators but she added Number Memo 2022-01. She stated that in regards to the actual security measures we are not at liberty to discuss those in an open meeting but she did want the Board to know that security measures were in place.

**ITEM #9 – DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

2022 General Election Information

The Director stated that on Friday, September 9, 2022 Absentee Mail-In Ballots started being mailed out. 730 absentee mail-in ballots have been mailed out as of today, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, October 20, 2022 - One-Stop (Early) Voting begins. The 4 One-Stop (Early) Voting locations will be: The Rockingham County Board of Elections Office; Eden Library; Zion Baptist Church; and Madison Mayodan Library. The hours of operation at the Board of Elections office will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday starting Thursday, October 20, 2022 through Friday, November 4, 2022 and then on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The other three locations’ hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting Thursday, October 20, 2022 through Friday, November 4, 2022 and then on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - 2022 General Election starts at 6:30 a.m. and the polls will close at 7:30 p.m. All 15 precincts. Voting will not be done at the Rockingham County Board of Elections Office on Election Day!!! Friday, November 18, 2022 - County Canvass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Absentee Board Meetings begin on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and will continue to be held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections Office through Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Pre-Election Absentee Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and an Absentee Board Meeting will be held on Election Day at 5:00 p.m. Provisional/Absentee Board meetings will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 and Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Logic and Accuracy Testing

The Director stated that the Logic and Accuracy Testing was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 – WXII News was present during the Logic and Accuracy Testing. All of the DS200 and Automark voting machines were tested for logic and accuracy. She stated that the ballots that were used for the testing were from the vendor and they were pre-marked as well as ballots marked by the Automark machines.

Mock Election

The Director stated that with the information that was gathered from the Logic and Accuracy Testing a Mock Election was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 and the Mock Election was successful. She stated that everything went through and all the numbers matched.

Write-In Candidates

The Director stated that the Board of Elections has received a lot of telephone calls about Write-In Candidates and who can be written in as a write-in. According to NCGS 163-123 Any qualified voter who seeks to have write-in votes counted in the general election should/shall file a declaration of intent which contains the applicant’s name, residential address, declaration of applicant’s intent to be a write-in candidate, title of the office sought, date of the election, date of the declaration, and



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the applicant's signature. Once this is done the write-in candidates are required to obtain registered voter's signatures on a petition. If it is a statewide office 500 qualified voters of the state are required. If the office is a district office under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elections 250 qualified voters of that district are required. If the office is a county office, or a school administrative unit office elected on a partisan basis, or a legislative district consisting of a single county or a portion of a county 100 qualified voters of that county are required. On the Rockingham County ballot there are Write-In Candidates for the US Senate seat, NC State Senate District 26 seat, and the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor seats which are Nonpartisan offices.

Local High Schools Registration Drive

The Director stated that all 4 local high schools participated in the registration drive prior to the Voter Registration Deadline on Friday, October 14th. The Board of Elections received 8 voter registration forms from this drive. RCC Early College had a registration drive in September on National Voter Registration Day and received 5 voter registrations. She stated that all the high schools stated that they would like to do this again. The Director stated that this was the first time this has been done since before COVID. She stated that she hoped to get the high schools more involved in more things. The Director asked if there were any questions.

Chair Wright stated that the Director may want to mention the age requirements. The Director responded that she had this to discuss because this was one of the questions that had been asked.

The Director stated that in North Carolina 17 year olds can pre-register to vote and can vote provided that they will be 18 years old by the General Election date. 16 year olds are allowed to pre-register to vote and will be automatically registered to vote when eligible to vote in accordance with G.S. 163-82.7. She stated that every state had a general statute that they follow.

The Director stated that the Rockingham County Board of Elections had a high school student to come in and shadow the Board of Elections on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. This was part of a class project. This student was told about the different things that the Board of Elections goes through in preparation for an election, how individuals get registered to vote, the differences between early voting and election day voting, absentee mail-in ballots, etc. She thanked Chair Wright for having this young man to call our office for this class project.

Secretary Schoolfield asked what the required age was to be a precinct official. The Director responded that there is a program for high school students to work as Student Election Assistants and the students do have to be 17 years old. The Student Election Assistant have to fill out an application that requires a parent's signature as well as their principal's signature. She stated that the Board of Elections originally had 3 Student Election Assistants to sign up but now we will only have 1 Student Election Assistant on Election Day. The Director stated that this is the first time Rockingham County has tried this program from what she understood but it is something that the State Board encourages and she hoped that this would encourage more seniors involved in working on Election Day. She stated that the Student Election Assistants are paid just like all the other precinct officials.

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Board of Elections Building

The Director informed the Board that the Board of Elections office and Workshop had been going through some renovations. The gutters on both buildings have been replaced and the roof is in the process of being sealed. She stated that the screws on both roofs that been secured and we are just waiting for the roofs to be sealed. She stated that she would like to thank the County Manager and the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners for making this possible and for allowing the funding for these renovations to take place. The Director stated that the buildings look a lot better.

Chair Wright stated that this was not the first thing that had been done to the Board of Elections building but it was the most recent renovation and she stated that the Board really appreciated all of work that had been done.

**ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:27 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



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director stated that at the last Absentee Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, there was a question that was raised about the rejection rate of the mail-in ballots being put into the voting machine and the thickness of the ballots. She was asked to check into this matter with the other counties, the State Board of Elections, and the vendor of the ballots and voting machines. After the meeting she sent an email to the NCADE as well as the State Board about the issues we were experiencing with the mail-in ballots. She received numerous emails back from Boards of Elections throughout the State and they had experienced the same issues with mail in ballots in the 2020 election as well as currently. The counties that experienced this issue in the 2020 election now order their mail in ballots pre-folded. She was told that folding on the timing marks could cause the voting machines to reject the ballot as well as creases on the ballot marks. The State Board of Elections agreed with this assessment. She also heard back from Printelect the vendor for the ballots and ES&S the vendor for the voting machines. The ballot certified paper weighs 118 gsm. The only variance the ballots may have is in the stiffness which can vary by moisture content which varies based on how they are stored. The Director stated that her assumption was confirmed that the issue we were experiencing with the voting machine and the absentee mail-in ballots was due to the folds in the ballots. In the future we will have our Absentee Mail-In ballots pre-folded by the ballot vendor to hopefully eliminate this issue but for now we will have to deal with the creases.

The Director stated that the Rockingham County Board of Elections to date had mailed out 730 Absentee Mail-In Ballots. The Board had approved 108 Absentee Mail-In Ballots. At the last Absentee Board Meeting there was a ballot that was put in the review status until it could be researched as to why the envelope CIV number and the ballot CIV numbers were different. The reason for this was this voter requested an Absentee Ballot and it was mailed out, after a couple of weeks the voter had not received his/her ballot so he/she requested another ballot. The first ballot was spoiled. When the voter returned the ballot, the second ballot was put in the first envelope which caused the CIV numbers to be different.

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The Board will need to bring this ballot back into received status and then vote on this ballot whether to approve or disapprove.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Cole to bring back the absentee mail-in ballot that was in review status back into active status. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the absentee mail-in ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that tonight we have 76 CIV ballots and 1 Military Absentee Mail-In ballots to approve or disapprove for a total of 77 absentee mail in ballots.

The Board reviewed the 76 CIV absentee ballots.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to approve 76 CIV absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the 1 MIL absentee ballot.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the 1 MIL absentee ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

After the Board approved the 78 absentee ballots, the ballots were inserted into the DS200 voting machine. There has been a total of 186 absentee mail-in ballots approved.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:59 p.m. **Member Cole, seconded by Member Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair



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OCTOBER 25, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director stated that tonight the Board had 88 CIV ballots and 1 Military Absentee Mail-In ballots to approve or disapprove for a total of 89 absentee mail-in ballots.

The Board reviewed the 88 CIV absentee ballots. Three of the absentee ballots envelope CIV numbers and ballots numbers did not match.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve 85 CIV absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to put 3 absentee mail-in ballots into review status. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the 1 MIL absentee ballot.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the 1 MIL absentee ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

After the Board approved the 86 absentee ballots, the ballots were inserted into the DS200 voting machine. 2 of the absentee mail-in ballots were not accepted by the voting machine.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Totten to spoil the 2 absentee mail-in ballots that had marks that were not specific to a candidate and to prepare 2 duplicate ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

The 2 ballots were inserted into the voting machine. There has been a total of 272 absentee mail-in ballots approved.

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**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:10 p.m. **Member Totten, seconded by Member Cole to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director stated that the Rockingham County Board of Elections to date had mailed out 1103 Absentee Mail-In Ballots. The Board had approved 272 Absentee Mail-In Ballots. At the last Absentee Board Meeting there were 3 ballots that were put in the review status until they could be researched as to why the envelope CIVs and the ballot CIVs were different. The Director stated that the Board would need to bring the ballots back into received status and then vote on those ballots whether to approve or disapprove.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to bring the 3 Absentee Mail-In Ballots that were put into review status back into received status. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that two of the ballots were husband and wife and the ballots were reversed. The third ballot CIVs numbers were due to a staff error in writing the numbers. The Director showed the Board a copy of the approved Absentee Mail-In Ballots list and the CIV number on the ballot had already been reviewed and approved and had a different precinct number.

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the 3 Absentee Mail-In Ballots that were due to staff error and husband/wife switch. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that tonight the Board had 158 CIV Absentee Mail-In ballots to review and to approve or disapprove.

After the Board approved the 158 CIV absentee ballots, one of the ballots did not have any witnesses or a notary.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve 157 CIV ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to disapprove 1 CIV ballot due to not have any witnesses or a notary signature. The motion carried unanimously.**

The 157 Mail-In ballots were inserted into the voting machine. One ballot had gotten wet either by rain or something being spilled on it and the voting machine would not accept it.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Totten to spoil the 1 ballot that had gotten wet and to duplicate the ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The new ballot was inserted through the voting machine.

There had been a total of 432 absentee mail-in ballots approved by the Board.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:22 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



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
PRE-ELECTION ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director stated that the Rockingham County Board of Elections to date had mailed out 1139 Absentee Mail-In Ballots. The Board had approved 432 Absentee Mail-In Ballots.

The Director stated that tonight the Board had 1 Military Absentee Ballot, 1 Overseas Absentee Ballot, and 275 CIV Absentee Mail-In ballots to review and to approve or disapprove.

After the Board approved the 275 CIV absentee ballots, 12 of the ballots did not have any witnesses or a notary, voter signatures.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to put 1 Absentee Ballot into review status due to the CIV number on the envelope and the CIV number on ballot did not match. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to disapprove 12 CIV ballot due to not have any witnesses or a notary signature and for staff to contact the voters to give them time to vote in the election. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve 262 CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director presented the 1 Military Absentee Ballot to the Board.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 1 Military Absentee Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director presented the 1 Overseas Absentee Ballot to the Board.

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**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the 1 Overseas Absentee Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The approved ballots were then inserted into the voting machine. The voting machine would not accept 6 ballots due to creases, erasures, stains, etc.

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to spoil the 6 CIV ballots and to duplicate the ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

There had been a total of 696 absentee mail-in ballots approved by the Board.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:29 p.m. **Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 Kathy Clark, Senior Deputy Director.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Wright.

**ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director stated that at the last Absentee Board meeting the Board put 1 CIV Absentee Mail-In Ballot in review status and it needed to be brought back into active status.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Cole to bring the 1 Absentee Mail-In Ballot that was in review status back into active status. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that the CIV number on the envelope and the CIV number on the ballot was different and it was due to staff error. The CIV number that is on the ballot has already been approved by the Board. The Director showed the approved Absentee Ballot report to the Board.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 1 CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director stated that tonight the Board had 31 CIV Absentee Mail-In ballots to review and to approve or disapprove.

After the Board reviewed the 31 CIV absentee ballots they were approved.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve 31 CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director presented the 1 Military Absentee Ballot to the Board.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Schoolfield to approve the 1 Military Absentee Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

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The approved ballots were then inserted into the voting machine. The voting machine would not accept 1 ballot due to creases.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to spoil the 1 CIV ballot and to duplicate the ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

This ballot was then inserted into the voting machine.

The Director asked the Board to approve the 19,212 Absentee Ballots that had been received: Absentee Mail-In Ballots and the 4 One Stop (Early) Voting Sites so that the tapes could be ran and be entered into the system after 7:30 p.m.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve the 19,212 Absentee Ballots that had been received by Absentee Mail-In ballots and the 4 One Stop (Early) Voting sites. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director informed the Board of an incident that occurred at the Matrimony Precinct during the voting today. An individual was not in the system and was voting a Provisional Ballot and when the precinct official turned to answer a question the individual inserted the ballot into the DS200 machine. The Director sent a Help Ticket into the State Board and was informed by the State Board to get permission from the Board to remove the provisional ballot from the DS200 once it was received at the County Board of Elections office.

**Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to give the Director permission to remove the Provisional Ballot from the Matrimony ballot box and to put it into the Provisional ballot envelope for review by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6.05 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



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