

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2022 – 11:00 AM
CANVASS MEEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Friday, November 18, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, and 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 11:00 am by Chair Wright.

Chair Wright welcomed the Board members and those that were viewing the meeting from their homes.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – CANVASS

The Director informed the Board that there were 32,605 ballots cast before the provisional and absentee ballots from the last meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 and now there are 32,802 ballots cast. One-Stop (Early) Voting – 18,483; Absentee Mail- in – 835 ballots; Election Day – 13,303; and Provisionals – 91 ballots. The Board has been presented with the Absentee Abstract prior to Election day, Supplemental Absentee Abstract form with the total of Absentee Mail-ins cast for each candidate received totals, Abstract of Votes for Rockingham County, NC form, November 8, 2022 General Election Results by Precinct by Precinct form, and the November 8, 2022 Primary Election Results by Contest form and I am asking for approval from the Board on all of these forms. The ATVs (Authorization to Vote) does not match the number of ballots cast and this has to do with Same Day Registrations that occurred during One Stop. Neil Baddour with the State Board has stated that this can be handled after canvass. The Director went through the Precinct Reconciliation Worksheet with the Board column by column and explained what everything meant.

Member Hampton asked what the 2020 Election results looked like. The Director responded that she did not have that answer but she could get the information. The Director left the meeting and when she returned she informed the Board that during the 2020 General Election 47,937 votes were cast.

Secretary Schoolfield asked if the Director had the results for the 2018 General Election. The Director responded that she could get the results. The Director left the meeting and when she returned she informed the Board that during the 2018 General Election 32,615 votes were cast.

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The Director presented to the Board the Absentee Abstract, Supplemental Absentee Abstract, the November 8, 2022 General Election Results by Precinct, and the November 8, 2022 General Election Results by Contest for approval.

Secretary Schoolfield asked what the difference was between the Absentee Abstract and the Supplemental Absentee Abstract. The Director responded that the Absentee Abstract was the Absentee Mail-In prior to Election Day and the Supplemental Absentee Abstract was the total before Election Day and after Election Day.

Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the Absentee Abstract prior to Election Day, Supplemental Absentee Abstract form with the total of absentee mail-ins and provisional ballots cast for each candidate received Election Day and after, Abstract of Votes for Rockingham County, NC form, November 8, 2022 General Election Results by Precinct form, and the November 8, 2022 General Election Results by Contest form. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Cole congratulated the staff on a tremendous job.

Member Totten concurred.

Chair Wright stated that she knew that staff would find what was needed and stated that her hat was off to the staff.

ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

At 11:41 a.m. **Member Cole, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair