



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

Regular Meeting
July 18, 2023 @ 12:00 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
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Rev. Allandus Wright, Jr.
Associate Minister, First Baptist Church
Hubbard Street, Reidsville
4. Oath of Office for 2023 – 2025 Board Members
Edward Nelson Cole Stanley L. Allen,
Superior Court Judge
Thurman Bruce Hampton
Ophelia Powell Wright

Thomas R. Schoolfield, III Benjamin J. Curtis,
Register of Deeds
Sarah Jones Totten
5. Organization of Board
 - a. Nomination of Secretary
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Board Minutes
 - a. June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
8. Public Comments
9. Discussion on Regular Board Meetings Schedule Chair Wright
10. 2023 Municipal Election One Stop Plan Paula Seamster
11. Summer Conference – August 13 – 15, 2023 Paula Seamster

12. Director's Update

a. Municipal Elections

- Candidate Filing for Municipal Elections will end on Friday, July 21st at 12:00 p.m. (noon).
- Friday, October 6th – Absentee ballots start being mailed out.
- Friday, October 13th – Voter registration deadline
- Thursday, October 19th – Saturday, November 4th One-Stop (Early) Voting

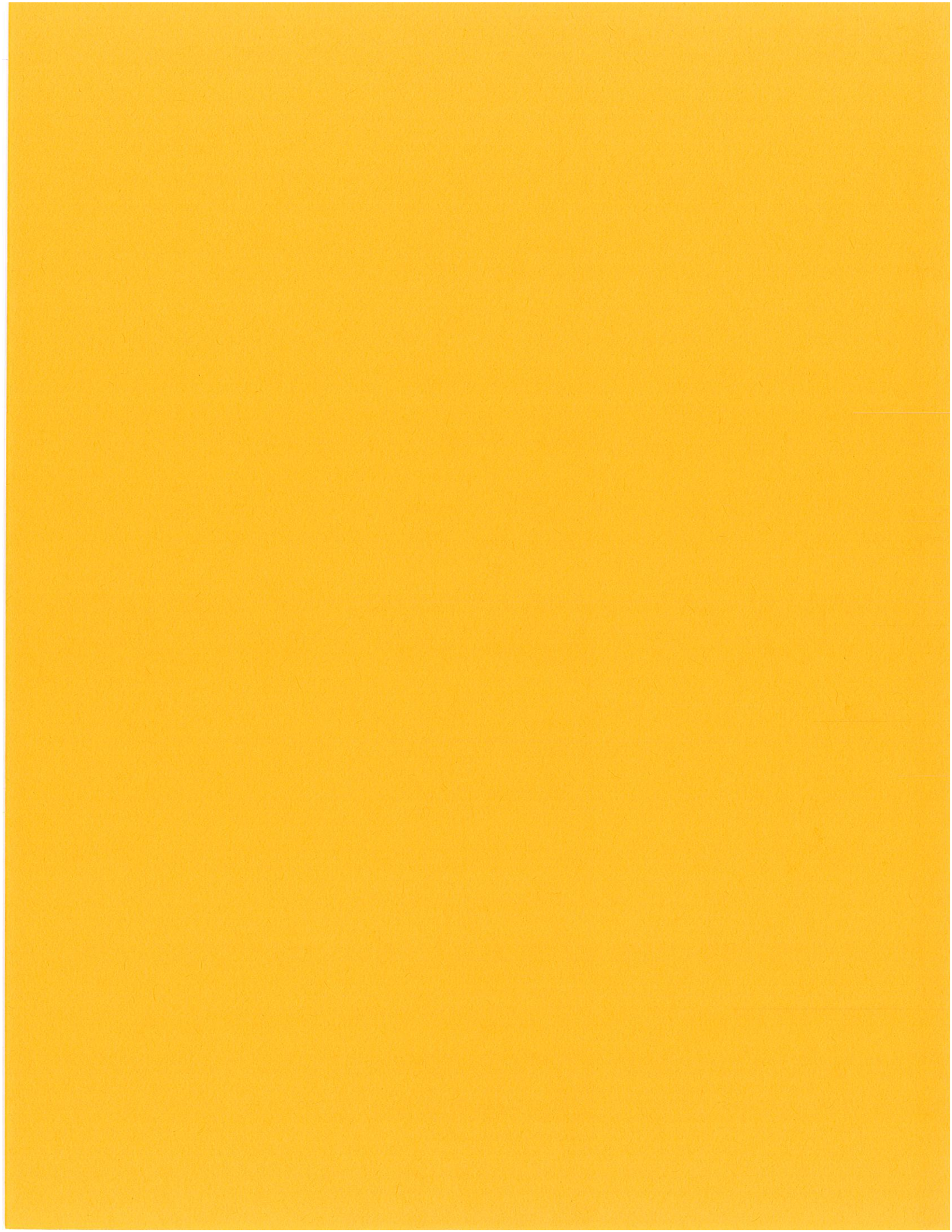
b. Events/ Speaking Engagements

c. Videos and Podcasts

13. Closed Session

Pursuant to (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)) Personnel and
To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged
or confidential (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)).

14. Adjournment



**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE**

“I, **Edward Nelson Cole**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of member of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to the law; so help me God.”

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

Edward Nelson Cole

Stanley L. Allen,
Superior Court Judge

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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“I, **Thurman Bruce Hampton**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of member of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to the law; so help me God.”

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

Thurman Bruce Hampton

Stanley L. Allen,
Superior Court Judge

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“I, **Ophelia Powell Wright**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Chair of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to the law; so help me God.”

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

Ophelia Powell Wright

Stanley L. Allen,
Superior Court Judge

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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“I, **Sarah Jones Totten**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of member of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to the law; so help me God.”

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

Sarah Jones Totten

Benjamin J. Curtis,
Register of Deeds

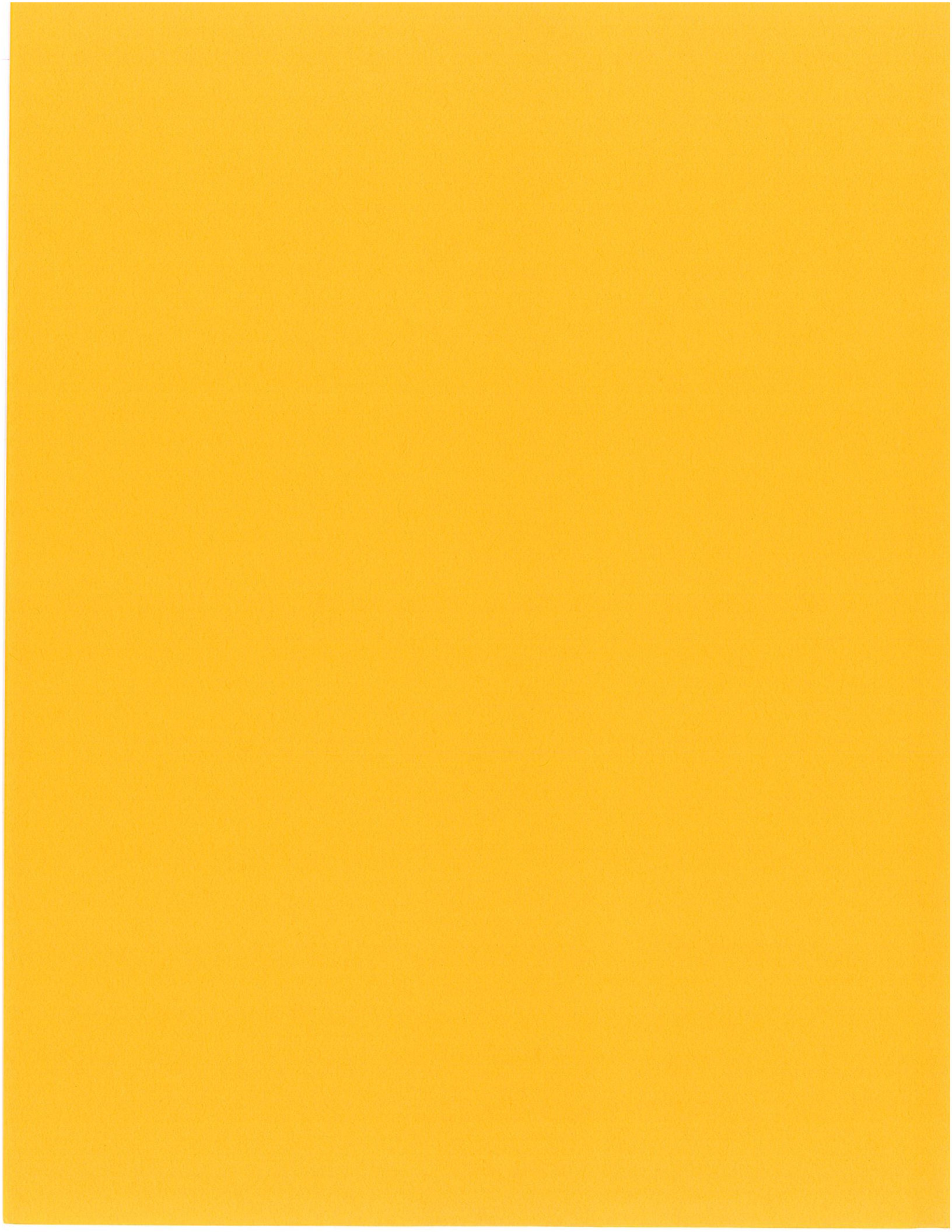
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“I, **Thomas R. Schoolfield, III**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of member of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to the law; so help me God.”

This the 18th day of July, 2023.

Thomas R. Schoolfield, III

Benjamin J. Curtis,
Register of Deeds



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2023 – 10:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rockingham County Governmental Center Commissioners Chambers.

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

Staff Members Present: Paula Seamster, Director.

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Wright called the Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Wright welcomed the Board members and the guests that were present and those online.

ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paula Seamster, Director of Elections, led pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 – INVOCATION

Chair Wright asked everyone to be in tune with the things around us and in tune with what the Board has to do as a board.

The Board observed a Moment of Silence.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wright stated that the Board of Elections received two public comments via email. The Director read the emailed public comments.

Lissa Harris –

“My name is Lissa Harris and I want to say thank you for an opportunity to share two very important items with you today. Unfortunately, in the middle of the day I have to work however, I appreciate being able to communicate with each of you. First as a governing body, I ask each of you to please continue to educate the voters on legislative changes. All voters stand to lose if Senate Bill (S.B. 747) becomes law. As our local Board of Elections, I am asking each of you to please advocate against Senate Bill 747 for the voters of Rockingham County and North Carolina. It allows less time for voters to return their mail ballot, which could lead to thousands of ballots being thrown out. SB747 also complicates the state’s Same Day Registration for hundreds of thousands of North Carolina voters, forcing them to vote by provisional ballot. That would create another administrative barrier to voting. The bill further burdens local election officials with unneeded changes and limits resources to run safe and secure elections. What Does North Carolina need?”

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- preserve Same Day Registration,
- provide more funding to our elections system, and
- allow all eligible mail in ballots to be cast, rather than punish voters for circumstances outside their control.

Second, I want to say thank you to all the Board of Elections staff who took time to come out in the Juneteenth community to events and share valuable Voter Education and provide an opportunity for community members to complete and update Voter Registration! Please continue to support the staff and volunteers who spend their time on the ground in the community it is so valuable! Again, thanks for all each of you do to save our voting democracy! Mrs. Lissa Harris, Short Avenue, Madison, NC, Registered Voter.”

Jerry Lowe –

“Dear Board of Election: Please accept my correspondence as Public Comments. I would like to express how much I appreciate having BOE staff in our community at community events like Juneteenth in downtown Reidsville on a Saturday. With my work and college schedule, being able to register to Vote in on a Saturday was great. Please continue to advocate for funding to increase Voter Education in our county directly in our communities. Please consider providing communicating to faith base communities and nonpartisan organizations free brochures and information updates for all updates provided by state. The BOE must continue to step out box and reach all demographics by using multiple outlets that includes all ages. Yours truly, Jerry Lowe, 311 W Morehead St., Reidsville, NC 27320.”

Chair Wright closed Public Comments.

ITEM #7 – DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

a. Municipal Elections

The Director stated that Candidate Filing for Municipal Elections would begin on Friday, July 7th at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and end on Friday, July 21st at 12:00 p.m. (noon). She listed the offices that would be on the ballot for the Municipal Elections:

City of Eden: Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 6, and Ward 7 Council seats

Town of Madison: Mayor, 3 Alderman seats

Town of Mayodan: Mayor, 3 Council seats

City of Reidsville: District A – 2 Council seats, District B – 2 Council seats

Town of Stoneville: Mayor, 3 Council seats

Town of Wentworth: 3 Council seats

The Director stated that all of the events that will be coming up for the Municipal Election have been put on the Board of Elections website and as the election gets closer she would start to list the events. She added that she would be sending out an email to the Sunshine List reminders about the Municipal Election and this information will be posted on the Board of Elections Facebook page. The Director asked if the Board had any questions. There was none.

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b. Events/Speaking Engagements

The Director stated that:

- On Saturday, May 20th, the Board of Elections had a tent set up at the Stoneville May Day Festival in Stoneville. Precinct Officials Melanie Harrington and Ruth Ann Goins represented the Board of Elections at this event. Zero registrations were received.
- On Monday, May 22nd, the Director spoke at the Reidsville Rotary Club Meeting at Monterey's. Secretary Schoolfield also attended this meeting. She stated that it was a good crowd at this meeting and she thought the meeting went very well and those present were very receptive. The Director stated that she appreciated the opportunity to be able to speak at this event.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that the Director did a really great job explaining what the Board of Elections is doing, what she was there for, and solicited their help to get election information out to the public. He added that it was also encouraged that they become members of the Sunshine List. He thought it was a wonderful meeting. Chair Wright thanked Secretary Schoolfield for attending the meeting.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that he received a lot of feedback from the voter registration efforts at the RCC Job Fair. He stated it was wonderful event and new registrations were received.

Chair Wright asked the Director to explain when the registration forms needed to be turned in. She added that she had read somewhere that there was a deadline for the registration forms to be turned in. The Director responded that registration forms needed to be turned in as soon as possible, within 5 to 7 days, so that the individuals could receive their voter registration cards.

The Director continued:

- On Wednesday, May 24th, the BOE held an Election Expo at the Rockingham County Board of Elections. It was a great event. She stated that she lost count of how many attended this event. The Director stated that a bus came from the City of Reidsville Senior Center. Stations were set up where individuals could go around the office and ask questions and the individuals were able to test the new ExpressVote machines. The Director stated that several people had asked if this would be held again and she stated that this event would be held again in the evening maybe between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 or 7:30 p.m.
- On Saturday, June 10th, the Board of Elections had a tent set up at the Juneteenth Celebration at Market Square in Reidsville. Precinct Officials John Harris and Frank Wilson represented the Board of Elections at this event. Six registrations were received and one interest in being a precinct official.
- On Thursday, July 27th, at 6:00 p.m., the Director has been asked to speak at the Republican Women's Group at the Republican Headquarters in Reidsville.

The Director stated that people were finally asking the Board of Elections staff to come and speak and she stated that she was very excited about these opportunities. The Director asked if there were any questions.

Chair Wright stated that she really appreciated that the Board of Elections was trying to get information out into the community. She added that she really appreciated the two individuals from

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the Board, Secretary Schoolfield and Member Hampton, for their initiative for helping the Board of Elections to brainstorm and get things done so the public would be more aware of what is going on in the State from the State Board of Elections as well as the Rockingham County Board of Elections. She asked if any of the other Board members had anything to add.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that there are some good videos on the Board of Elections website that the director has put together. He especially thanked Marilyn Watkins for her presentation on Absentee Mail in Ballots. Secretary Schoolfield stated that all of the videos are good and he thanked the director for taking the ball and running with it to get the videos made. He asked the public to check these videos out as well as asked the public for help to get this information out others.

Chair Wright reminded Board members and the public about Senate Bill 749 and Senate Bill 747. She recommended going to the State Board of Elections website to find out more information about these two bills.

c. Videos and Podcasts

The Director stated that the videos are posted on the Board of Elections website under Voter Information. She thanked the precinct officials that participated in those videos. The Director also thanked Roy Sawyers for the great job he did in recording and editing those videos and the work he does is phenomenal.

Member Totten stated that it was commendable that we are involving the precinct officials in these videos and the different events that they are involved in promoting elections rules and laws and for getting the knowledge out there to the public. The Director responded that the precinct officials know this information and that the precinct officials are top notch. She stated that she was very proud of all the precinct officials.

d. FY 2023-2024 Budget

The Director stated that on June 5, 2023 the Board of Commissioners approved the FY 2023-2024 budget. She stated that the Board had a copy of the approved Board of Elections budget at their seat.

e. State Board of Elections Appointments

The Director informed the Board that the State Board of Elections would be making its appointments to all 100 County Board of Elections on Tuesday, June 27 during their regular meeting. She stated that she did not have the time of the meeting but would send it out as soon as she receives that information.

f. SB 747 and 749

The Director stated that she had provided copies of the last versions of Senate Bill 747 and 749 for the Board.

Chair Wright asked the Board if they had any questions about the FY 2023-2024 budget.

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Member Totten asked the Director if there were any additional changes to the budget other than the ones that had been previously discussed. The Director responded that there were no other changes to the budget. She stated that the utilities was changed to \$5200 as per the last budget meeting and everything else stayed the same. Member Totten asked if this amount was for the whole building. The Director responded that the \$5200 would be the Board of Elections portion of the building, which would be about 30 to 35% of the total cost of the utilities. Member Totten stated that the Board of Elections would not be responsible for the other side of the building. The Director responded that this was correct.

Chair Wright asked what would happen if this amount runs over. The Director responded that would be addressed if it happened, but hopefully it would not happen.

The Director stated that the Board had calendars for July and August for the events that were coming up.

Member Cole asked the Director about Senate Bill 747 and if she had read through the whole bill to see what has taken place. The Director responded that she had not read the final version but she had listened to the hearings and there have been several text amendments to the original version of the bill. She stated that the bill less days for early voting, shortened the time to have absentee ballots mailed in, as well as other things and they are still making adjustments. She stated that the bill did pass the Senate and is moving on to the House.

Secretary Schoolfield stated that this would reduce early voting from 17 to 14 days. The Director responded it would reduce it from 15 days to 7 or 8 days. She added that there is also an amendment to that as well, so there are several bills out there on early voting.

Chair Wright stated that Senate Bill 747 was adopted on June 15th, which was not that long ago, and changes are still being made.

Member Cole stated that the Senate Redistricting and Elections Committee had adopted 747 but the House has not adopted it at this point in time. The Director responded that this was correct; it is still a bill and not a law. It has passed the Senate but will go to the House next. Member Cole stated from his experience this bill will go to the House and the Speaker would assign it to their Redistricting and Election Committee for tweaking so there may be some minor changes made to this bill. Secretary Schoolfield responded that the two would then need to be resolved. Member Cole stated that a committee would be formed to resolve the differences.

The Director stated that the committee meetings could be watched online because that is how she has watched them. She stated that she would let the Board know when the next one will be.

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ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT

At 10:24 a.m. **Member Cole** moved, seconded by **Member Totten** to adjourn. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

2023 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tuesday	January 17, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	February 21, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	March 21, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	April 18, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	May 16, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	June 20, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	July 18, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	August 15, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	September 19, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	October 17, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	November 21, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers
Tuesday	December 19, 2023	10:00 am	Regular Board Meeting	Commissioners Chambers

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – ONE STOP (EARLY) VOTING SCHEDULE**

One Stop – Wentworth

Voting will be held at the Board of Elections Office
240 Cherokee Camp Road
(Located in Wentworth – Behind the Governmental Center)

October 19, 2023 – November 4, 2023

Thursday, October 19, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Friday, October 20, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 23, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, October 26, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Friday, October 27, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 30, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 31, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday, November 2, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 3, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Saturday, November 4, 2023 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Comparison of One-Stop Site and Hour Requirements for Even-Year and Odd-Year Elections

Requirement	Even-Numbered Year Elections	Odd-Numbered Year Elections
All one-stop sites must be open every weekday during the early voting period from 8am-7:30pm.	Yes	No – the county board of elections office (or in lieu of site) must be open during its normal business hours, at a minimum. If there are additional one-stop locations, they do not have to be open 8am-7:30pm on weekdays, but those additional sites do have to be open for the same hours and on the same days as all the other additional one-stop sites. For example, the county board of elections office could be open its normal business hours (for example, 8am-5pm), and the North Library and South Library locations could be open from 1pm-7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (assuming those are the only two additional one-stop sites in the county).
If any one-stop site is open, all one-stop sites must be open.	Yes	No – if the county board of elections office (or its alternate) is open, none of the additional one-stop sites are required to be open. However, if one additional one-stop site is open, all additional sites must be open for the same days and hours.
If any one-stop site is open on a Saturday, then all one stop sites must be open for the same number of hours on that Saturday.	Yes, and all one-stop sites must be open from 8am-3pm on the last Saturday before Election Day.	Yes, and all one-stop sites must be open from 8am-3pm on the last Saturday before Election Day.

Requirement	Even-Numbered Year Elections	Odd-Numbered Year Elections
If any one-stop site is open on a Sunday, then all one stop sites must be open for the same number of hours on that Sunday.	Yes	Yes
If the county board of elections office is open only regular business hours, the uniform dates and hours requirements do not apply to that location. If the BOE is open beyond regular business hours, the uniform dates and hours requirements do apply to that location.	Yes (Caveat: Even if the BOE office is only open regular business hours, it must also be open from 8am-3pm on the last Saturday before Election Day.)	No – even if the county board of elections office is open beyond regular business hours, the additional one-stop sites do not have to be open those same hours, as long as the additional sites are open on the same days and hours as the other additional sites. For example, the county board of elections office could be open from 8am-8pm on a Friday, but both the North Library and South Library additional sites could be open from 1PM-5PM on that Friday (assuming those are the only two additional one-stop sites in the county).

Frequently Asked Questions About One-Stop Flexibility:

Q: My in lieu of site is in another building. When is it required to be open?

A: Any in lieu of site, regardless of its location, must be open at least regular business hours during weekdays. It may be open beyond regular business hours. If the county board office or in lieu of site is open on the weekend, it must be open the same number of hours as all the other one-stop sites on that weekend day.

Q: Are we required to open our county board office or in lieu of site on the weekend if our other one-stop sites are open on the weekend?

A: No, but if the county board office or lieu of site is open any weekdays beyond regular business hours and/or any weekend hours, it is required to be open on the weekend for the same number of hours as all other one-stop sites. And, the county board office or in lieu of site must be open on the last Saturday before Election Day regardless of whether it is open beyond regular business hours and/or any weekend hours. County boards are encouraged to be mindful of expected turnout and historical use of one-stop early voting in their counties.

Q: What does it mean that the county board must be “unanimous”?

A: Unanimity requires an affirmative vote of all appointed county board members. If, due to a vacancy, your board only has fewer than five appointed members, all appointed members must vote affirmatively to adopt a plan.



One Stop Implementation Plan Signature Sheet

This signature sheet must be signed by all county board members who voted for this one-stop site plan. Once the board members and director have signed, please upload the signature sheet to FileZilla and submit the online form.

County: Rockingham

Name of Plan: 2023 Municipal Election One Stop

Date of Election: 11 / 07 / 2023
(mm) (dd) (yyyy)

We, the undersigned, certify that our county's One-Stop Implementation Plan has been considered by the County Board of Elections County Board of Elections and is the following:

A **unanimous** plan approved during a public meeting.

A **majority** plan approved during a public meeting.

A **minority** plan not approved during a public meeting.

Date of County Board meeting: 7 / 18 / 2023
(mm) (dd) (yyyy)

Chair: _____
(signature)

Secretary: _____
(signature)

Member: _____
(signature)

Member: _____
(signature)

Member: _____
(signature)

County Director: _____
(signature)



Numbered Memo 2023-01

TO: County Boards of Elections
FROM: Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director
RE: Municipal Elections in 2023
DATE: June 29, 2023

This numbered memo provides guidance related to municipal elections in 2023.

Please review the following existing numbered memos:

- [Numbered Memo 2019-06](#), which provides for the minimum number of ballots for municipal elections; and
- [Numbered Memo 2019-03](#), which provides information about the temporary transfer of voters to an adjacent precinct and the conduct of cross-county municipal elections for another county.

Dates for Submission of One-Stop Plans to State Board

One-Stop implementation plans requiring review and approval by the State Board¹ must be submitted to the State Board no later than the following dates. This ensures the State Board has adequate time to review the plans and any alternatives:

September 12 Election: July 31, 2023
October 10 and November 7 Elections: August 4, 2023

Civilian Absentee-By-Mail Deadline

Please review [Numbered Memo 2022-09](#), which provides guidance for when the civilian absentee-by-mail ballot receipt deadline falls on a holiday. The statutory deadline for receipt of postmarked absentee ballots for the November 7, 2023, election falls on Friday, November 10. This is Veterans Day, a state and federal holiday. Accordingly, pursuant to [N.C.G.S. § 103-5](#), the deadline for a ballot that is postmarked on or before Election Day to be received in the mail by

¹ See N.C.G.S. § 163-227.6.

the county board and counted in the November municipal elections is Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Canvass Dates for 2023 Elections

County canvass for elections in 2023 will take place after each election as follows:²

September 12 Election:	Canvass September 19 at 11:00 a.m.
October 10 Election:	Canvass October 17 at 11:00 a.m.
November 7 Election:	Canvass November 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Deadlines that are tied to the date of the county canvass for the September and October elections—such as deadlines for filing election protests, sample audit counts, and recount requests—shall be calculated based on the seven-day canvass period. Deadlines tied to the date of the county canvass for the November election shall be calculated based on the ten-day canvass period.

The deadline for provisional voters to submit HAVA documents to the county board of elections is September 18 at 5:00 p.m. for the September election, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. for the October election, and November 16 at 5:00 p.m. for the November election.

Please review [Numbered Memo 2018-05](#), which explains canvass procedures and the review of provisional ballots.

² N.C.G.S. § 163-182.5(b) provides that canvass shall be held on the tenth day after every election. However, N.C.G.S. §§ 163-291(5), -293(c), and -294(b) provide that canvass shall be held on the seventh day following, respectively, a partisan municipal primary or second primary, a nonpartisan municipal election when using the election and runoff method, and a nonpartisan municipal primary. Therefore, these statutes authorize a seven-day canvass period for the municipal primaries and elections in September and October.

**North Carolina State Board of Elections
2023 Elections Training Conference**

“Strengthening Our Foundation”

August 14-15, 2023

Embassy Suites Hotel

Concord, NC

Sunday

Time		Location
3:30 – 6:00	Early Conference Check-in	Registration South
5:00 -	NCADE Executive Committee Meeting	Harrisburg A

Monday

Time		Location
7:30 – 8:30	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN	Registration South

Time	PLENARY SESSION	LOCATION
8:30-10:00	Conference Opening	Concord EF
	Chairman’s Remarks	
	Executive Director’s Remarks	
	Legal Updates	
	Vendor Introductions	

10:00 – 10:30	MORNING BREAK	
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PLENARY SESSION		
10:30 – 11:30	Legal topic: Board Duties, Managing Meetings, and Certifying Elections	Concord EF
11:30 – 12:30	Keynote Speaker: Academic Research	Concord EF

12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH	
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PLENARY SESSION		
1:30 – 2:00	Recognitions and Awards	Concord EF
2:00 -3:00	Cultural Sensitivity	Concord EF

3:00 – 3:30	AFTERNOON BREAK	
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
3:30 – 4:30	Cybersecurity: Threats to elections	Concord EF
3:30 – 4:30	Reasonable Resemblance and Reasonable Impediment	Concord AD
4:30– 5:00	Time with Exhibitors	Hallway

BOARD MEETING		
5:30 PM	Voting Systems Demonstration	Carolina

Tuesday

BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
8:30 – 10:00	Representing NC Elections: Nailing the Media Interview	Concord EF
	Emergency Operations Plans	Concord IJ
	List Maintenance	Concord AB

10:00 – 10:30	BREAK
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
10:30 – 12	Representing NC Elections: Nailing the Media Interview	Concord IJ
	State of the Profession	Concord EF
	Campaign Finance Auditing	Concord AB

12:00-1:00	LUNCH	Concord EF
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
1:00-2:30	Voting Systems User Groups	Concord AB
	Voting Systems User Groups	Concord IJ
	Omniballot & BallotTrax User Group	Concord GH
	Campaign Finance Examination Overview	Concord CD
	Representing NC Elections: Nailing the Media Interview	Concord EF

PLENARY		
2:30 – 3:00	Conference Questions & Answers	Concord EF
	Final Remarks from the Executive Director	

