



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

Rockingham County Governmental Center
371 NC 65
Reidsville, NC 27320

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1. Welcome / Call to Order Chair Wright
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Pastor Ryan Burris
Baptist Temple Church, Reidsville
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Board Minutes
 - a. December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. December 19, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comments
7. 2024 Primary Early Voting Decision from the Paula Seamster
N.C. State Board of Elections
8. 2024 Appointment of Chief Judges & Judges Paula Seamster
9. Director's Updates
 - a. 2024 Primary Election Information
10. Adjournment



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2023 – 10:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rockingham County Governmental Center Commissioners Chambers.

Board Members Present: Ophelia Wright, Chair; Sarah Totten, Secretary; Nelson Cole, Member; Thurman Hampton, Member; and Tom Schoolfield, 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, those present in the meeting, and those who were watching online.

ITEM #2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 – INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Torrey Easler, Mayodan Baptist Church, Mayodan.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the November 17, 2023 Canvass Meeting and the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wright opened Public Comments and asked the Director to read the Public Comments policy.

Royce Richardson –

“My name is Royce Richardson, I live in Madison, NC. Good morning Madam Chair and Board Members. It is good to see all of you still here. I am glad that the makeup of the Board is still intact and I understand will be through the primary elections in March. After that we don’t know what the makeup of the Board will be but I hope that the new Board, if there is such, will probably recognize and protect the voting rights of the people in Rockingham County as you all have. You know it seems to me that from the standpoint of the state and local Boards of Elections that our General Assembly has found a solution in search of a problem. I’ve been around elections for a while, is every election perfect? I doubt it. Has there ever been a vote cast that shouldn’t have been cast? Probably so. But I look back ten, twenty, thirty, forty years ago you never heard of such doubt among people about how elections were run, whether it was completely a run with integrity, if there were ever a problem with elections, you never heard that until recently. I think North Carolina has jumped on the bandwagon with the national folks who seem to question elections. Now you guys do a great job and I am sure I speak for the citizens of Rockingham County, I

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appreciate it. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, God bless you, and Happy Holidays. Thank you.”

Chair Wright thanked Mr. Richardson.

Chair Wright closed Public Comments.

ITEM #7 – DIRECTOR’S UPDATES

a. 2023 Municipal Election Costs

The Director stated that the total cost of the 2023 Municipal Election was included in the Board agenda packet. The total cost of the Municipal Election was \$47,973.08. The total cost per ballot was \$15.47. The total cost of One Stop (Early) Voting was \$12,226.46 at a cost of \$25.16 per ballot. The total cost for Election Day was \$35,746.62 at a cost of \$13.66 per ballot. We had 34 candidates to file for the Municipal Election. The Director asked if there were any questions or comments.

b. Municipal Election Invoices

The Director stated that the six Municipal Election invoices were prepared and mailed out on November 30, 2023. We have received payment for 4 of the 6 invoices that were mailed out. She stated that she had not received any questions from the municipalities regarding the invoices as of yet. The Director asked if there were any questions or comments on that.

Member Schoolfield asked how this money was processed as far as the Board of Elections as concerned. The Director asked if this was how the money was divided up. Member Schoolfield continued by saying no as far as where the money goes, does the Board of Elections control that or does it simply offset the expenses in the Board of Elections budget. The Director responded that the money does not come back to the Board of Elections, the money goes into the general fund for the County so the revenues do not offset the Board of Elections budget.

c. 2024 Primary Election Information

The Director stated that in the Board’s packet there was a 2024 Primary Election Schedule for all the events that will take place for the Primary Election. Early Voting will begin on Thursday, February 15th and run through Saturday, March 2nd. At the Board’s last meeting on Tuesday, November 21st the Board did not have a unanimous vote on the Early Voting Schedule so the Early Voting options were sent to the State Board of Elections for their decision. One of the reasons for the non-unanimous vote was due to the increase in the budget due to the changes in SB 747 or Session Law 2023-140 which calls for a Chief Judge and two Judges for each Early Voting Site. In the past we have had 1 One Stop Site Coordinator for each location. The State Board of Elections will decide which Early Voting Schedule Rockingham County will follow today during its 11:00 a.m. Board meeting. Once this decision has been made we will make the information available to the public. She stated that she provided the Session Law at each of the Board member’s seat in case there were any questions. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

Member Schoolfield stated that the Director said the main reason was the increase in budget related to the law change but the real difference was \$3900 for the extra cost for an additional Saturday over and above what the Board had budgeted. The Director responded that there would have been

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an increase even if it had remained the same. Member Schoolfield stated that it would have been \$808 but that was a long ways from the \$3900 total. The Director responded okay. Member Schoolfield stated that he wanted to set the record straight.

d. January Meeting Date Change

The Director stated that The Rockingham County Board of Elections normally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. however with the change of Session Law 2023-140 (SB 747) the Board of Elections had to notify the political parties at least 21 days prior to the appointment of the Early Voting and Election Day Chief Judges and Judges appointments to give the political parties time to make recommendations of individuals that are qualified to serve. We need to move the date back since we start training the precinct officials in January for Early Voting which will begin on Thursday, February 15th. She stated that she was recommending that we change the meeting date from Tuesday, January 16th back to one week to Tuesday, January 9th. This room is available and Roy Sawyers is also available on that day. She added that she had polled the Board on this date as well. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Hampton to change the regular Board meeting from Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 10:00 am. to Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

e. 2024 Tentative Board Meeting Dates

The Director stated that In the Board's agenda packet was the 2024 Tentative Board Meeting Dates. The January meeting date has been changed as well as the meeting dates that fall during the election cycles which are Tuesday, February 20, 2024 and Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Those meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. immediately after the Absentee Board meetings at the Board of Elections office. She stated that she hoped the Board was okay with the other two changes because those meetings are normally changed right before the meetings. The Director stated that these are tentative Board meeting dates and can be changed at any time but she wanted to give the Board those dates ahead of time so they would have it marked on their calendars for the future elections. She asked if there were any questions or comments.

f. 2024 NC State Board of Elections Winter Conference

The Director stated that the 2024 North Carolina State Board of Elections Winter Conference will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 through Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in Concord, NC. She stated that this conference would be held at the same location as the last conference. The Director asked that the Board members let her know who planned to attend the conference to let her know so she could register them for the conference and make reservations at the hotel.

Chair Wright stated that another two or three Board members will attend this conference since some of the Board members attended the last conference.

g. January and February Calendars

The Director informed the Board that she had provided each of them with the January and February calendars and as things get added or changed, she would send the Board members updated calendars.

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The Director asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the information she covered.

Chair Wright thanked the Director for the calendars.

ITEM #8 – CLOSED SESSION

Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to go into closed session pursuant to (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #9 – ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 a.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair



2024 Primary Judges and Chief Judges					
<u>DRAPER</u>					
John Harris -D	Chief Judge	784 Knowles Rd. - Reidsville	MS	349-8902	613-8150
Valerie (Libby) Kellam - D	Dem Judge	1014 Hillcrest Dr - Eden	EC	455-3837	635-4515
Jean-Geneva Journigan - R	Rep Judge	1126 E Stadium Dr - Eden	DR	613-2626	
<u>EDEN CENTRAL</u>					
Lynn Collier - R	Chief Judge	278 Cleek Dr. - Summerfield	NB	337-1065	
Esther Adams-Artis (Hattie) - D	Dem Judge	808 Carrington Ln. - Eden	EC	336-420-8917	627-4417
Margaret M. Shockley - R	Rep Judge	321 Bedford Dr. - Eden	EC	634-2137	623-3011
<u>EDEN - 1</u>					
Robert K. (Rocky) Turner - U	Chief Judge	813 Lindsay Dr.	ED - 1	613-0902	
Jody L. DeLancey - U	Dem Judge	149 Holliman Dr. - Eden	ED - 1	635-7868	
(Gene) Daniel McDuffie - R	Rep Judge	11981 NC 87 - Eden	ED - 1	613-6038	623-2139
<u>HOGANS</u>					
Beverly C Watkins - U	Chief Judge	190 Willowbrooke Way S'dale	HO	207-0413	949-4401
Kathy Hall - U	Dem Judge	4146 NC 65 Reidsville	RC	255-3233	951-2770
Karen S. MacDonald - R	Rep Judge	309 Sharp Rd. - Madison	HO	469-328-7451	
<u>HUNTSVILLE</u>					
Joyce R. Webster - R	Chief Judge	334 Sardis Church Rd. - Mad	HU	932-5539	548-9369
Mae E. Martin - D	Dem Judge	132 Dan Valley Rd. - Mayodan	WS	453-8485	
Marie Fox - R	Rep Judge	362 Sardis Lp. - Madison	HU	932-1144	427-0165
<u>IRON WORKS</u>					
Cheryl McBride - R	Chief Judge	2481 Flat Rock Rd. - Reidsville	IR	616-3200	
Eden Combs - U	Dem Judge	331 Rock Creek Ln.	RC	202-1984	Assn to IR
Lori Alcorn - R	Rep Judge	941 Flat Rock Rd. - Reidsville	IR	616-3712	342-0908
<u>LEAKSVILLE - 2</u>					
Gail Turner - U	Chief Judge	813 Lindsay Dr. - Eden	ED - 1	613-6684	
Barbara R Garland - D	Dem Judge	421 Kings Dr. - Eden	LK - 2	496-6017	623-6274

Mary Mark - U	Rep Judge	200 Tanglebrook - Eden	LK - 2	627-7403	932-5068
<u>LINCOLN</u>					
Deborah S Moore - R	Chief Judge	352 Quick Rd. - Ruffin	LI	344-7465	
Betty D. Lipford - D	Dem Judge	746 Dickerson Rd. - Ruffin	LI	634-8357	939-2810
Cathy M Pruitt - R	Rep Judge	290 Williamson Creek Rd. - Ruffin	LI	613-3872	939-9983
<u>MATRIMONY</u>					
Ruth Ann Goins - U	Chief Judge	210 Ellis Rd - Mayodan	WS	344-9596	Assn to MA
Sandra S. Tetterton - D	Dem Judge	303 W. Hunter St. - Madison	HO	613-1368	
Melanie E. Harrington - R	Rep Judge	309 Glenn St. - Stoneville	MA	613-6758	573-3112
<u>MCCOY</u>					
Kathy - Mary K Barbee - R	Chief Judge	741 Water Works Rd. - Reid	MC	457-1533	342-7659
Barbara S Barefoot - D	Dem Judge	1413 Brookwood Dr. - Reid	MC	342-4538	280-1680
Johnsie Hayes - R	Rep Judge	1106 Arbor Ln Reidsville	MC	264-5595	349-3588
<u>MOSS STREET</u>					
Frank Wilson - D	Chief Judge	426 S. Hamilton St. - Eden	ED- 1	634-8616	
Tonya Evans - D	Dem Judge	706 Lindsey St. - Reidsville	MS	215-6017	
(Judy) Judith Mills - R	Rep Judge	501 Thomas St. - Reidsville	MS	394-2009	
<u>NEW BETHEL</u>					
Mary Ann Sensebaugh - R	Chief Judge	253 Price Mill Rd. - Summerfield	NB	427-3401	643-7935
(Jenny) Virginia Sharp - D	Dem Judge	791 Huffines Mill Rd. - Reidsville	NB	951-9629	951-2321
Joyce McCranie - R	Rep Judge	116 Keystone Dr. - Summerfield	NB	339-5448	643-0345
<u>ROCK CENTRAL</u>					
Katherine M. Pasour - D	Chief Judge	517 Maggy Valley Rd. - Reidsville	RC	253-2098	342-1106
Lynnda Purcell - D	Dem Judge	1438 Vernon Rd. - Reidsville	RC	616-2358	951-2844
Dayne Blair - R	Rep Judge	541 Lake LeMar Rd Reidsville	RC	210-5545	342-5564

<u>SOUTHEAST</u>								
<i>Diane (Martha) Soyars - R</i>	<i>Chief Judge</i>	<i>3328 US 158 - Reidsville</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>342-1941/552-5184</i>	<i>632-1040</i>			
<i>JoAnn Henderson - D</i>	<i>Dem Judge</i>	<i>145 Lala Dr. - Reidsville</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>613-1795</i>	<i>349-2524</i>			
<i>Leslie S. Norman - U</i>	<i>Rep Judge</i>	<i>111 Pondview Dr. - Reidsville</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>669-1159</i>				
<u>WESTERN</u>								
<i>Lou Ann Jessup - R</i>	<i>Chief Judge</i>	<i>333 Ledbetter Rd. - Mayodan</i>	<i>WS</i>	<i>520-0877</i>				
<i>Glenda C. Davis - D</i>	<i>Dem Judge</i>	<i>905 Ayersville Rd. - Mayodan</i>	<i>WS</i>	<i>932-0592</i>	<i>573-2700</i>			
<i>Glenda Pritchard - R</i>	<i>Rep Judge</i>	<i>1107 Wilkins St. - Mayodan</i>	<i>WS</i>	<i>427-4977</i>	<i>453-4747</i>			



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PO Box 22, Wentworth, NC 27320

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(336) 342-8107

Fax (336) 342-8228

December 1, 2023

Dear Party Chair:

The Rockingham County Board of Elections will meet on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. to appoint Chief Judges and Judges for the 2024 Election, both Early Voting and Election Day. Persons appointed to these offices must be registered voters and residents of the county in which the precinct is located, of good repute, and able to read and write.

Section 27(c) of Session Law 2023-140 (SB 747) provides that county boards shall appoint qualified nominees from lists provided by the chair of each political party if such recommendations are received "no later than the fifth business day preceding the date on which appointments are to be made". The Chairperson of each political party shall recommend two qualified registered voters to serve as Chief Judge and two qualified registered voters to serve as Judge for each Early Voting site no later than **Thursday, January 4, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. Additional names will be greatly appreciated as it will allow us to have names for Assistants in each precinct.

If the recommendations from the party are insufficient, the County Board of Elections members may appoint a voter to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs during the appointment, the Chair of the County Board of Elections will appoint a new voter to fill the vacancy.

Party chairs are strongly encouraged to contact workers of their choice prior to making recommendations to the Board of Elections. Precinct Officials should be able to efficiently operate a computer and be able to function under stress. Early Voting precinct officials are paid by the hour and will work split shifts during the Early Voting period. Election Day precinct officials are paid a flat fee for the entire day (5:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. or until the Chief Judge releases them), no one is allowed to work half days or partial days on Election Day.

Workers who agree to work should be dedicated and willing to represent the voting process in a respectable manner. Selected Precinct Officials are expected to be able to respectfully work alongside others regardless to race, gender, or party affiliation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Elections at 336-342-8107 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula P. Seamster".

Paula P. Seamster
Director of Elections



Appointment of Chief Judges and Judges for the 2024 Election

Tamar Lipscomb <tamar.lipscomb@gmail.com>
To: Paula Seamster <pseamster@co.rockingham.nc.us>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 8:44 PM

Hi Paula,
Please see below;

Draper
Chief Judge Valerie (Libby) Kellam 336-455-3837
Dem Judge Sandra Allen 336-635-4773/ 336-280-1533

Eden 1
Chief Judge (Robert) Rocky Turner 336-613-0902
Dem Judge Jody Delancey 336-635-7868

Eden Central
Hattie (Esther) Adams-Artis 336-627-4417/ 336-420-8917

Hogans
Chief Judge Beverly Watkins 336-407-0413/ 336-949-4401
Dem Judge Linda Lawson 336-339-6235 - *retired - cannot list*

Huntsville

Ironworks
Dem Judge Eden Combs 336-202-1984
Frederick L Berry 336-643-7586 - *telephone # disconnected*

Leaksville 2
Dem Judge Barbara Garland 336-623-6274/ 336-496-6017

Lincoln
Dem Judge Betty Carol Ellington 336-552-5824 - *deceased*

Matrimony
Chief Judge Melanie Harrington 336-613-6758/ 336-573-3112 - *Does not want to be CJ*

McCoy
Dem Judge Barbara Barefoot 336-342-4538/ 336-280-1680
James Alvin Motley 919-398-8474 - *Running for School Board, cannot work as precinct official*

Moss Street
Chief Judge Frank Wilson 336-634-8616
Dem Judge Tonya Evans 336-215-6017

New Bethel
Dem Judge Jenny Sharp 336-951-2321/ 336-951-9629

Rock Central
Chief Judge Katherine Pasour 336-342-1106/ 336-253-2098
Dem Judge Pat Simpson 336-951-2844/ 336-616-2426 - *Cannot work this election*

Southeast
Dem Judge Joann Henderson 336-613-1795/ 336-349-2524

Western
Glenda Davis 336-573-2700/ 336-932-0592

Thanks so much!
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<u>WESTERN</u>									
Lou Ann Jessup - R	333 Ledbetter Rd. - Mayodan	WS	520-0877						Chief Judge
Glenda C. Davis - D	905 Ayersville Rd. - Mayodan	WS	932-0592			573-2700			Dem Judge
Glenda Pritchard - R	1107 Wilkins St. - Mayodan	WS	427-4977			453-4747			Rep Judge
Angela W. Schultz - R	890 Case School Rd. - Mayodan	WS	344-1858			427-2280			
Ashley Parker - D	907 Ayersville Rd - Madison	WS	427-2897						
Barbara (Renee) Vaden- U	703 N 7th Ave Mayodan	WS	427-5804						
Cathy B. Cardwell - D	716 Roach St. - Mayodan	WS	634-3550			427-3996			
Deborah(Sue)Pelletier - R	640 Brushy Mtn Rd. - Stoneville	WS	427-4887			520-4896			
Jo Ann Elmore - D	308 S.6th Ave. - Madyodan	WS	613-4310						
Kathy Miller - U	406 West Hunter St. - Madison	WS	402-5623			427-7099			
Kelly Ronda Hawkins - D	211 W Hunter St - Madison	WS	616-8371			346-1773			
Lesley Keener - R	665 Lakeside Dr Ext. Stoneville	WS	552-4938						
Veronica Nichelle Shelton - D	801 S. Ayersville Rd. - Mayodan	WS	324-0267						

