

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – 5:00 PM
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, Reidsville.

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 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. Chair Wright welcomed the Board Members and those watching via Zoom.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES

The Director stated that approximately 187 Absentee Ballots had been mailed out. She had 12 CIV absentee ballots for the Board to review, 11 with photo IDs and 1 with a Photo ID Exception Form.

The Board began to review and open the 12 absentee ballots that had been received into the office, date stamped when received, and the ballot envelope reviewed by staff to make sure the requirements were met for eligibility.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 12 absentee ballots that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 12 approved absentee ballots into the DS200 machine and announced that the DS200 machine now read 33 ballots.

The next Absentee Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

At 5:28 p.m. **Member Hampton, seconded by Secretary Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair