

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2024 – 5:00 PM
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 27, 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

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

ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES

The Director stated that approximately 246 Absentee Ballots had been mailed out. 33 Absentee Mail In Ballots had been approved by the Board so far. She had 61 CIV absentee ballots for the Board to review, 30 with photo IDs and 31 with a Photo ID Exception Form.

The Board began to review and open the first 30 absentee ballots with photo IDs 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 Hampton moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve the 30 absentee ballots with photo IDs that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 30 approved absentee ballots into the DS200 machine.

The Board began to review and open the 31 absentee ballots with photo ID exception forms 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.

8 of the absentee ballots with the photo ID exception forms were not filled out correctly and needed to be cured.

Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve the 23 absentee ballots with the photo ID exception forms that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to have 8 absentee ballots with the photo ID exception forms put through the cure process with the MAT Team. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Director inserted the 23 approved absentee ballots into the DS200 machine and announced that the DS200 machine now read 86 ballots.

The next Absentee Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair