

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2024 – 5:30 PM
ABSENTEE MEETING

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. 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, those present for the meeting, and those watching via Zoom.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES

The Director stated she had 8 CIV absentee ballots for the Board to review, 7 with photo IDs and 1 with a Photo ID Exception Form.

Member Cole asked where the ballots could be turned in on Election Day. The Director responded that absentee ballots had to be turned in to the Board of Elections office only on Election Day and they had until 7:30 p.m.

The Board began to review and open the 7 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 Cole moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve the 7 absentee ballots with photo IDs that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 7 approved absentee ballots into the DS200 machine.

The Board began to review and open the 1 absentee ballot 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.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 1 absentee ballot with the photo ID exception forms that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 1 approved absentee ballot into the DS200 machine and announced that the DS200 machine now read 142 ballots.

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The Director informed the Board that during the 2020 Primary Election One Stop (Early Voting) there were 5,752 ballots cast and during the 2024 Primary Election Early Voting there were 7,649 ballots cast.

The Director closed out the Absentee DS200 voting machine.

ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

At 6:14 p.m. **Member Cole, seconded by Secretary Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair