

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2024 – 5:00 PM
ABSENTEE PROVISIONAL MEETING

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5:00 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 p.m. 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 informed the Board that no Absentee Mail in Ballots had been received after 5:00 p.m. and before 7:30 p.m. on Election Day so there were none to approve.

ITEM #4 - PROVISIONALS

The Director stated she had 8 Provisional ballots and that she would go through each category individually.

1 each Provisional Ballots Incorrect Party was presented to the Board. The Board reviewed the 1 provisional ballot envelope. The Director stated that Party Affiliations had to be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to disapprove the 1 provisional ballot with Incorrect Party. The motion carried unanimously.

4 each Provisional Ballots with Incorrect Precinct was presented to the Board. The Board reviewed the 4 provisional ballot envelopes. The Director stated that this was allowed and these should be counted.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve 3 provisional ballots with Incorrect Precinct. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to disapprove 1 provisional ballots with Incorrect Precinct because it was not signed. The motion carried unanimously.

2 each Provisional Ballots with No Record of Registration in Rockingham County were presented to the Board. The Board reviewed the 2 provisional ballot envelopes.

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The Director informed the Board that both of these provisional ballots were found however they registered after the February 9, 2024 with the DMV and through the State Board of Elections.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to disapprove the 2 ballots with no record of registration in Rockingham County. The motion carried unanimously.

1 each Provisional Ballot with Unrecognized Address was presented to the Board. The Director informed the Board that this voter was in fact registered and the exact address was in the system therefore it should be counted.

Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve the 1 provisional ballot with Unrecognized Address. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director informed the Board that all of the provisional ballots had been presented to the Board and asked for approval to close out the provisional voting machine.

Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to close out the Provisional Voting Machine. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 4 provisional ballots that had been approved by the Board.

The Director announced that there were now 4 provisional ballots in the DS200 machine from Election Day.

The Director closed out the Provisional DS200 voting machine.

ITEM #5 – ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m. **Member Cole, seconded by Secretary Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair