



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

Regular Meeting
June 18, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

Rockingham County Governmental Center
371 NC 65
Reidsville, NC 27320

This will be live streamed at the following link:

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1. Welcome / Call to Order Chair Wright
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – Associate Pastor Victor Johnson
Growing Oaks Community Church, Reidsville
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Board Minutes
 - a. May 20, 2024 Absentee/Provisional Meeting Minutes
 - b. May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c. May 24, 2024 Canvass Meeting Minutes
6. Public Comments
7. Director's Updates
 - a. Soil & Water Conservation District Filing began on Monday, June 10th at 12:00 p.m. and ends Friday, July 5th at 12:00 p.m.
 - b. 2024 General Election Information
 - c. Board of Elections Office Renovation
8. Adjournment

**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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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

Secretary Totten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 – INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Kevin Duncan with Sharon Baptist Church, Reidsville.

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 Cole to approve the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting, April 23, 2024 Special Meeting, April 23, 2024 Absentee Meeting, April 30, 2024 Absentee Meeting, and the May 14, 2024 Absentee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Wright opened Public Comments. There were no Public Comments.

ITEM #7 – DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

2024 Second Primary Election Information

The Director stated that the 2024 Second Primary Election turnout was better than staff thought it would be. We had 7 Absentee Mail in Ballots, there were 27 absentee mail in ballots mailed out, 423 Early Voters, 927 Election Day, and 8 Provisional. The cost per ballot for the 2024 Second Primary Election was \$18.94. The Director went through the 2024 Second Primary Election cost with the Board. The total cost of the 2024 Second Primary Election was \$25,851.91. She stated that all 15 precinct sites open with 4 to 5 precinct officials present at each. She stated that all 100 counties had to hold the Second Primary, there was not a choice. The Director stated that she would like to thank the precinct officials, the Board, and the staff at the Board of Elections for doing a great job. She asked if there were any questions on the 2024 Second Primary Election update.

Member Schoolfield stated that for the record based on his understanding, 3% of the eligible voters made the decision on who would move forward to the General Election and he thought this was terrible. He stated he did not know what the Board could do to improve those numbers and how the

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Board could use its resources to encourage voters and to educate them on what the opportunities are and what the responsibilities are as a voter.

Member Cole stated that in view of the numbers that were presented by the Director he wanted to commend the Director on her prudence in what was needed and how it was funded.

Chair Wright stated that it was a great job not to fill the room with workers during this election to stay within the budget and that was commendable. Chair Wright thanked Member Cole and Member Schoolfield for their comments.

Soil & Water Conservation District Filing

The Director stated that the Soil & Water Conservation District Filing would begin on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. and run through Friday, July 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. She stated that there is one seat available on this board. The Director asked if there were any questions.

2024 General Election Information

The Director stated that the Board of Elections at its last meeting had a non-unanimous vote on the 2024 General Election Early Voting Plan so it was sent to the State Board of Elections for a final decision. She stated that she had not heard anything from the State Board on when the hearings would begin and added that she received an email from the State Board this morning and she would be calling the State Board once the meeting adjourned. The Director stated that she only submitted the Option 5 plan which was the plan that a majority of the Board voted for. The Director stated that the 2024 General Election Early Voting will begin on Thursday, October 17, 2024 and run through Saturday, November 2, 2024. She stated that once the early Voting Plan was approved by the State Board it would be posted on the Board of Elections website and Facebook page, sent out to the Sunshine List, as well as advertised in the newspapers so that everyone will know the Early Voting days and hours. She asked if there were any questions.

Chair Wright stated that she did not have any questions but added that the Early Voting days and hours are also posted on the door of the Board of Elections office.

2020 General Election Early Voting Days

The Director stated that at the last Board of Elections meeting Member Hampton asked how many Sundays there were in the 2020 General Election and she could not answer that question at the last Board meeting. She stated that she went back and research that and there were two Sundays for early voting in the 2020 General Election and there were three Saturdays. The Director asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Secretary Totten asked if there was any plan on when the State Board would be reviewing the county's Early Voting plan that was submitted. The Director responded that she was hoping that once the meeting was over and she called the State Board she would have some information for the Board but as of right know she did not have a date for the hearings.

Chair Wright stated that the Board will wait to hear when the Board needed to get with the State Board to discuss the Early Voting plan for the 2024 General Election.

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MAY 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM
REGULAR MEETING**

ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 a.m. **Member Cole** moved, seconded by **Secretary Totten** to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2024 – 11:00 AM
CANVASS MEEETING

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Friday, May 24, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Board of Elections Office, 240 Cherokee Camp Road, and 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 11:00 am by Chair Wright.

Chair Wright welcomed the Board members as well as those that were viewing the meeting via Zoom.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM #3 – CANVASS

The Director informed the Board that there were 423 ballots cast during Early Voting; 7 absentee mailed in ballots, 8 provisional ballots on Election Day and the Board approved 4 of those provisional ballots; and there were 927 ballots cast on Election Day for a total of 1,357 ballots cast for the 2024 Second Primary Elections.

The Director then proceed to go through the Reconciliation Worksheet explaining the columns to the Board members.

The Board has been presented with the Supplemental Absentee Abstract form with the total of Absentee Mail-ins cast after Election Day for each candidate received totals, Abstract of Votes for Rockingham County, NC form, May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election Results by Precinct form, and the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election Results by Contest form and she asked for the approval from the Board on all of these forms.

Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve the Supplemental Absentee Abstract form with the total of absentee mail-in ballots cast for each candidate received after Election Day, Abstract of Votes for Rockingham County, NC form, May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election Results by Precinct form, and the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election Results by Contest form. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director presented the documents to the Board to sign. The Board signed all of the forms.

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ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 a.m. Member Schoolfield, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair

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2024 General Election Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>STATUTE/LAW</u>
Friday, September 6, 2024	Absentee by Mail Begins	163-258.9/163-227.10(a)
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	L & A Testing on Voting Machines @ 9:00 a.m.	
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Mock Election @10:00 a.m.	
Tuesday - October 8, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Friday - October 11, 2024	Voter Registration Deadline	163-82.6(d)
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Regular Board Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday - October 15, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Early Voting Observer List Due by 12:00 p.m.	163-45.1
Thursday - October 17, 2024	Early Voting Begins	163-166.40
Tuesday - October 22, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Tuesday - October 29, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Tuesday - October 29, 2024	Last Day to Request an Absentee by Mail Ballot	163-230.1(a)
Saturday - November 2, 2024	Early Voting Ends @ 3:00 pm	163-166.40
Monday - November 4, 2024	Election Day Observer List Due by 12:00 p.m.	163-45.1
Monday - November 4, 2024	UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	163-258.8
Monday - November 4, 2024	UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline	163-258.8
Monday - November 4, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting Pre-Election Day @ 5:00 p.m.	163-232
Tuesday - November 5, 2024	2024 General Elections - Polls Open at 6:30 am and Close at 7:30 pm	163-1
Tuesday - November 5, 2024	Absentee by Mail Ballots Due to the County Board of Elections - By 7:30 pm	163-231(b)(1)
Tuesday - November 5, 2024	Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Tuesday - November 12, 2024	Hand to Eye Count @ 10:00 a.m.	
Tuesday - November 12, 2024	Provisional/Absentee Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.	163-230.1(f)
Friday - November 15, 2024	County Canvass Meeting - 11:00 am	163-182.5

Rockingham County Board of Elections
2024 GENERAL ELECTION – EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Early Voting – Wentworth

Voting will be held at the Board of Elections Office
240 Cherokee Camp Road

October 17, 2024 – November 2, 2024

Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, October 18, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, October 19, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 21, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 24, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, October 25, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 27, 2024 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 28, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 31, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, November 1, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, November 2, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Early Voting – Remote Sites

Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, October 18, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, October 19, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Monday, October 21, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 24, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, October 25, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Sunday, October 27, 2024 (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
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Tuesday, October 29, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Thursday, October 31, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Friday, November 1, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, November 2, 2024 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

REMOTE SITE LOCATIONS:

Early Voting – Eden

Voting will be held at the Eden Library – 598 S. Pierce Street, Eden

Early Voting – Reidsville

Voting will be held at the Zion Baptist Church – 807 Piedmont Street, Reidsville

Early Voting – Western

Voting will be held at the Madison Mayodan Library – 611 Burton Street, Madison

