

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2024 – 5:00 PM
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 22, 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 Polly Makins, 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 informed the Board that 2025 absentee by mail ballots had been mailed out as of today and that the Board had approved 377 absentee by mail ballots. She stated that there were 223 absentee ballots for the Board to review; 163 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, 6 Overseas, 4 Military, and 50 Civilian ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms. The Director informed the Board that the overseas and military ballots had been transcribed by a bipartisan team so now the Board only had to compare the original emailed ballots to the transcribed ballots.

The Board began to review and open the 163 Civilian 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 Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 162 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to disapprove 1 Civilian absentee ballot with Photo ID and asked staff to cure the ballot which was missing the voter's signature. The motion carried unanimously

The Director informed the Board that there were 6 Overseas ballots that had been received into the office. The Board members reviewed the 6 Overseas ballots.

Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 6 Overseas absentee ballots that were received. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director informed the Board that there were 4 Military absentee ballots that had been received into the office. The Board members reviewed the 4 Military ballots.

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Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve 4 Military absentee ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board began to review and open the 50 Civilian 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.

Member Hampton moved, seconded by Member Schoolfield to approve 49 Civilian absentee ballots with the Photo ID Exception forms. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to disapprove 1 Civilian absentee ballot with the Photo ID Exception form and to have staff to go through the cure process for this ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

The Director inserted the 162 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, 6 Overseas absentee ballots, the 4 Military absentee ballots, and 49 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms for a total of 221 absentee by mail ballots into the DS200 machine

The Director informed the Board that the Tabulator ballot total was now 598 ballots.

ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 p.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair