

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 29, 2024 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 29, 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 Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director informed the Board that 2234 absentee by mail ballots had been mailed out as of today and that the Board had approved 598 absentee by mail ballots. She stated that there were 406 absentee ballots for the Board to review; 325 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, 65 Civilian ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms, 6 Military absentee ballots, and 10 Overseas absentee ballots. 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 325 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.

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 319 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to disapprove 6 Civilian absentee ballot with Photo ID and asked staff to cure the ballots for various reasons. The motion carried unanimously**

The Board began to review and open the 65 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 Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve 65 Civilian absentee ballots with the Photo ID Exception forms. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

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**Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve 6 Military absentee ballot. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director informed the Board that there were 10 Overseas absentee ballots that had been received into the office. The Board members reviewed the 10 Overseas ballots.

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve the 10 Overseas absentee ballots that were received. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director inserted the 319 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, the 65 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms, the 6 Military absentee ballots, the 10 Overseas absentee ballots, and for a total of 400 absentee by mail ballots into the DS200 machine

The Director informed the Board that the Tabulator ballot total was now 998 ballots.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:59 p.m. **Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair