

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE PROVISIONAL MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, November 5, 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 2274 absentee by mail ballots had been mailed out and that the Board had approved 1368 absentee by mail ballots. She stated that there were 76 absentee ballots for the Board to review; 44 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, 21 Civilian ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms, and 11 Military absentee ballots. The Director informed the Board that the military ballots had been transcribed by a bipartisan team so now the Board only has to compare the original emailed ballots to the transcribed ballots.

The Board began to review and open the 44 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 Hampton to approve the 44 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board began to review and open the 21 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 Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve 21 Civilian absentee ballots with the Photo ID Exception forms. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director informed the Board that there were 11 Military absentee ballots that had been received into the office. Each of the ballots were given to 2 Board members to be transcribed and verified. The other two Board members and the Chair reviewed the 11 Military ballots.

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 11 Military absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

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The Senior Deputy Director inserted the 44 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, the 21 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms, and the 11 Military absentee ballots, for a total of 76 absentee by mail ballots into the DS200 machine.

The Director informed the Board that the Tabulator ballot total was now 1444 ballots.

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Member Hampton to close out the Absentee DS200 machine. The motion carried unanimously**

**ITEM #4 - PROVISIONALS**

The Director stated she had 35 Provisional ballots and that she would go through each category individually.

2 each Provisional Ballots Voter Already Voted were presented to the Board. The Director stated that in both cases the voters had not voted. One was a father/son error and the other was two individuals with the same first and last names but different middle names and dates of birth. The Board reviewed the 2 provisional ballot envelope.

**Member Hampton moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to approve the 2 provisional ballot with Voter Already Voted however had not voted. The motion carried unanimously.**

21 each Provisional Ballots with Unrecognized Addresses were presented to the Board. The Director informed the Board that these voters had moved into new subdivisions and the geocodes were not in the system and that the votes should be counted.

**Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 21 provisional ballots with Unrecognized Addresses as per the Director's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.**

10 each Provisional Ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms were presented to the Board.

**Member Hampton moved to approve all 10 provisional ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms.**

Secretary Totten stated that she did not feel all 10 could be clumped together. Member Schoolfield agreed and added that 1 of the Exception Forms was not signed.

**Member Hampton withdrew this motion.**

**Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Totten to approve 6 provisional ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to defer the other 4 provisional ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

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2 each Provisional Ballots with New Registrants were presented to the Board. The Director stated that one individual was in the system and should be counted, the other was a special case and the note was on the envelope for the Board to review.

**Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Hampton to accept the 2 provisional ballots with New Registrants as recommended by the Director. 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.

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

The Director inserted the 31 provisional ballots that had been approved by the Board.

The Director announced that there were now 31 provisional ballots in the DS200 machine from Election Day.

The Director closed out the Provisional DS200 voting machine.

**ITEM #5 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:46 p.m. **Secretary Totten, seconded by Member Hampton to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair