

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2024 – 4:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. at the Rockingham County Board of Elections Office.

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 4:30 p.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 Reverend Marcus Fairley of Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Schoolfield moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the September 25, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, October 1, 2024 Absentee Meeting minutes, October 8, 2024 Absentee Meeting minutes, and September 25, 2024 Closed Session Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

ITEM #7 – BUFFER ZONES & ELECTIONEERING AREAS APPROVAL

The Director stated that at the last Board meeting on September 25th the Board approved the Buffer Zones for the Early Voting sites and the Election Day sites. She added that it was also stated in the motion to contact the political parties to get their suggestions on the Electioneering areas. The Director stated that an email was sent to the three political parties in Rockingham County on Thursday, September 26th and attached to that email was pictures of the precinct sites showing the buffer zones and electioneering areas. She stated that she had asked the political parties to respond back to her no later than Friday, October 11th and she did not receive any responses back from the political parties.

ITEM #8 – LETTER TO THE NC STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Director informed the Board that Chairman Charlie Hall of the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners mailed a letter to the NC State Board of Elections to ask for reimbursement of the

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second ballot order and the labor it took to unprepare and re-prepare the absentee by mail ballots caused by the presidential candidate's removal from the ballot.

ITEM #9 – DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

2024 General Election Information

The Director stated that the 2024 General Election Early Voting Schedule and the 2024 General Election Schedule have been posted to the Board of Elections website. She added that 1679 Absentee by Mail ballots were mailed out today, October 15, 2024. The Director stated that the Logic and Accuracy Testing took place on Tuesday, October 1st and the Mock Election took place on Thursday, October 3rd.

ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 p.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula P. Seamster, Director

Ophelia Wright, Chair