

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2024 – 5:00 PM  
ABSENTEE MEETING**

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 15, 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**

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

**ITEM #3 – ABSENTEES**

The Director informed the Board that 1679 absentee by mail ballots had been mailed out as of today and that the Board had approved 169 absentee by mail ballots. She stated that there were 208 absentee ballots for the Board to review; 9 Overseas, 2 Military, 174 Civilian ballot with photo IDs, and 23 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 Director informed the Board that there were 9 Overseas ballots that had been received into the office. The Board members reviewed the 9 Overseas ballots.

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve the 9 Overseas absentee ballots that were received. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director informed the Board that there were 2 Military absentee ballots that had been received into the office. The Board members reviewed the 2 Military ballots.

**Member Totten moved, seconded by Member Cole to approve 2 Military absentee ballot. The motion carried unanimously**

The Board began to review and open the 174 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 174 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs. The motion carried unanimously.**

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The Board began to review and open the 23 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.

**Secretary Totten moved, seconded by Member Hampton to approve 23 Civilian absentee ballots with the Photo ID Exception forms. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Director inserted the 9 Overseas absentee ballots, the 2 Military absentee ballots, the 174 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo IDs, and 23 Civilian absentee ballots with Photo ID Exception Forms into the DS200 machine.

The Director informed the Board that the Tabulator ballot total was now 377 ballots.

**ITEM #4 – ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45 p.m. **Member Cole moved, seconded by Secretary Totten to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula P. Seamster, Director

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Ophelia Wright, Chair