

Meeting Agenda

Location: Henderson County Board of Elections
75 E. Central St.
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Date: October 29, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Clay Eddleman (C-D) / Debbie Dante (S-R) / Cindy Ellis (D) / Linda Rebuck (R) / Sharon Pearson(D)

Agenda details:

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Old Business
- VI. Directors Comments
- VII. New Business
 - Approval of Absentee Ballots
- VIII. Chair Comments
- IX. Adjournment

Henderson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 29, 2024

The Board of Elections met on October 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Henderson County Board of Elections office at 75 E. Central Street. Members present were Clay Eddleman, Chair, Debbie Dante, Secretary, Linda Rebuck, Sharon Pearson, Cindy Ellis, Members, and Summer Heatherly, Director. Staff present: Chasity, Mary K., Tabitha and Nancy Graham.

Pledge

Agenda: Member Rebuck moved to approve agenda. Member Ellis 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Minutes: Corrections to 10/22 minutes: Per Member Dante change date on page 3 to 10/23/24. Director will fill in information regarding ID Exception reasons on page 3. Per Member Ellis, page 2, 2nd sentence typo, change "is" to *if*. Page 2, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence, add date of 10/25. Per Member Rebuck, page 2 under the date, add members present: *Members present were Clay Eddleman, Chair, Debbie Dante, Secretary, Linda Rebuck, Sharon Pearson, Cindy Ellis (absent), Members, and Summer Heatherly, Director.*

Member Rebuck moved to accept the 10/22/24 minutes as corrected above. Member Ellis 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Member Rebuck moved to accept the 10/25/24 Special Meeting minutes. Member Pearson 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

Directors Comments: Director distributed printout of precincts and the percent voted as of Wed, 10/27/24. $ABM=2,896 + EV= 31,590 = 34,486$ or 37% of county has voted. 3 early voting sites opened today and 1 line was 3 ½ hours. Election Day equipment was taken from the precinct cages for their use. Etowah – 3 Express Votes and 2 check-in stations, Fletcher – 6 Express Votes and 2 check-in stations, Justice - 3 Express Votes and 2 check-in stations. As of 4 PM today all 4 early voting sites have voted 2,800 people. Director would like to publicly thank the Chief Judges, Susan Mangrum - Justice, Norie Sanchez - Etowah, and Dwain Haynes - Fletcher.

New Business. Approval of Absentee Ballots.

Teams- Ellis & Dante, Pearson & Rebuck.

Absentee tabulator # 1 (#18365) seal # 230888 was removed and ballot box was empty.

Begin Public Count :1000

Absentee tabulator # 2 (#18361) seal # 230887 was removed and ballot box was empty.

Begin Public Count: 737

Total : 1737

Staff opened and scanned approved ballots (Chasity, Mary K., Tabitha and Nancy Graham).

Board considered 2 ballots from homeowners in Vermont and Henderson County. They are registered voters in Henderson County and are not registered in Vermont. Upon calling the voters it was discovered that they spend 9 months in Vermont and 3 months in NC. The property tax bill is sent to Vermont, and they have Vermont driver's licenses. The Board considered NCGS §163-57(1)(c) in their denial of the 2 ballots, agreeing unanimously.

Chair moved to recess until 1 PM tomorrow, 10/30/24. Rebuttal 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Absentee tabulator # 1: (#18365) seal # 203882 was removed.

Ending Public Count: 1226

Absentee tabulator # 2: (#18361) seal # 230881 was removed.

Ending Public Count: 938

Recess: 7:15 pm

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Reconvene: 1:00 pm

Members present were Clay Eddleman, Chair, Debbie Dante, Secretary, Linda Rebuttal, Sharon Pearson, Cindy Ellis(absent), Members, and Summer Heatherly, Director. Staff present: Aaron, Chasity, Mary K., Tabitha and Nancy Graham.

Director Comments: Director reported the vote totals at the 3 early voting sites established yesterday. Etowah – 446, Fletcher – 662, Justice – 263. Director states there have always been lines at the early voting sites. Member Rebuttal states we expanded the MAT teams, but they didn't work as expected.

Aaron states there are always lines in Fletcher for early voting and that they had to dip into election day resources for the new sites. The coded election day machines had to be re-coded for early voting and must be re-coded again for election day. They are trying to preserve most of the equipment for election day. Aaron distributed comparison printouts of early voting stats from 2016, 2020, and 2024 to date, and it showed that current turnout is 40% and with 2 full days and 2- ½ days to go we should beat the target of 47% reached in 2020.

Approval of Absentee Ballots (continued)

Member Dante requested to work with Member Pearson in place of the Chair, due to Member Ellis being absent, because he called her this morning angrily threatening to remove her from the Board immediately. A discussion ensued over accusations, and the Chair did agree to switch the teams.

Teams- Pearson & Dante, Eddleman & Rebuck
Staff opened envelopes and scanned ballots into scanner.

Absentee tabulator # 1: Absentee tabulator # 1: (#18365) seal # 203882
Starting Public Count: 1,226
Absentee tabulator # 2: (#18361) seal # 230881
Starting Public Count: 938

Chair requested a 15-minute break. Unanimously agreed.

Recess: 2:54 pm

Reconvene: 3:10 pm

Exemptions approved 113
Unable to photocopy - 85
Other – 7
Natural Disaster – 11

1130 Civilian
3 Military
20 Overseas
113 Exception Forms
1266 ballots approved

Not included: 2 disapproved ballots due to residency and 1 envelope with an ID Exception had no ballot enclosed.

Absentee tabulator # 1 (#18365) sealed 230884, ballot box seal # 55773112.
Public Count: 1645
Absentee tabulator # 2 (#18361) sealed # 230883, ballot box seal # 55773111.
Public Count: 1358
Total: 3003

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Albraah Dante

Secretary

Approved Disapproved

Clay Eade

Chairman

Approved Disapproved

Cindy Ellis

Member

Approved Disapproved

Julia Rebeck

Member

Approved Disapproved

Sharon Pearson

Member

Approved this the 4 day of Nov, 2024.

Absentee Meeting Ballot Reconciliation

Election Date: November 5, 2024

Location: Henderson County Board of Elections

Date:

Time:

START PUBLIC COUNT	1000 737 = 1737
TOTAL APPROVED BALLOTS (SEIMS report attached)	$ \begin{array}{r} 1136 \quad 20 \text{ OVR} \quad 113 \text{ RP} \\ - 3-3 \quad 3 \text{ MCL} \\ \hline 1133 \quad \quad 127.6 \end{array} $
END PUBLIC COUNT	1645 1358

2

3009

3003

Chair Signature: *Cory Edd*

Member Signature: *Sharon Pearson*

Member Signature: *Deborah Dault*

Member Signature: *L. La Pelic*

Member Signature: _____

Director Signature: *Sumner P. French*

Office Staff: _____

Seal # Removed from DS200: _____ Seal # Applied to DS200: 230883 230884

Seal # on Blue Ballot Box: 55773112 55773111