

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Deborah Britt

Meeting Date & Time: May 13, 2022, 3:30pm

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member – absent

Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan (Director)

Jacqueline Austin (Absentee Program Coordinator)

Karen Rae (*? Title... does the training*)

Devin Whitney (Elections Technical Specialist)

Agenda Item: **Minutes**

Agenda Item: **Office Updates**

Agenda Item: **Absentee Ballot Review**

I signed on at 5:58pm to virtually attend the meeting in progress. There were two attendees present.

Agenda: Absentee Ballot Review

- Ms. Austin had five Absentee Ballots that were recommended by Staff to be disapproved.
 - Each Board Member reviewed each Ballot.
 - Four had incomplete witness information.
 - One ballot was blank. Ms. Austin shared that a MAT team member had assisted this voter. Voter had returned a blank ballot. The voter was called and she declined another ballot as it was “her intent to return a blank ballot”.

- The Board unanimously accepted the Staff’s recommendation that the five ballots be disapproved.
- Chairman Quinn voiced that earlier in the review of the absentee ballots the board unanimously voted to disapprove one ballot secondary to a “mis-match in the numbers... bringing the total of disapproved ballots to six.
- Ms. Austin had two ballots pending cures. Staff were waiting to receive the “affidavits of signature”.
- Chairman Quinn dismissed the Duplication Team.
- Chairman Quinn called upon Mr. Whitney (Staff) for ???. **I could not hear what was said.*
 - 9,100 **I could not hear the last numbers.*
 - Count was from this week: Monday at 5pm – Today at 3pm.
- Ms. Duncan shared there was 3,701 Early Voters today.
- Ms. Austin brought in the polybags
 - Ms. Austin handed each polybag to Secretary Block.
 - Ms. Block, reviewed the stamped information, sealed each bag and signed the bag. Each polybag was then passed to each Board Member who reviewed the stamped information, ensured the bag was sealed, and signed their name.
- The Board unanimously approved the following Absentee Ballots that were reviewed this evening:
 - Civilian = 359
 - Overseas = 8
 - Military = 1

Chairman Quinn adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.