

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Karen Ward

Meeting Date & Time: May 20, 2022 5:30 pm

Names of Board Members Present:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member

Staff Present:

Corinne Duncan – Director

Jacqueline Austin – Absentee Program Coordinator

Devin Whitney – Elections Technical Specialist

This meeting, a Supplemental Absentee Board of Elections meeting, was called to order by Chairman Quinn at 5:35 pm.

The minutes from the Tuesday, May 17 meeting hadn't been read by all Board members, so they will be brought up for discussion/approval at the next meeting.

Office Updates: Ms. Duncan

- There were 27,654 ballots turned in, including 1,466 Absentees, 280 Provisional (including 30 from early voting)
- There was a very high call volume to the BOE offices, mainly from workers at the polling places with questions, and requests for more supplies of various kinds. They will need more staff answering calls for the next election.
- Precinct 69.1 and Fairview were randomly selected by (?) for a sample audit to be done on May 23rd and will take up to 5-6 hours. This is a “hand/eye” count, similar to what the Duplicating Team does.
- For both Democrats & Republicans, the highest number of votes cast

were for candidates for the U.S. Senate seats.

- There will be no new primary, because every leader received over 30% of the votes
- Two races have qualified for a recount, but all votes need to be counted before a candidate can request it. The request must be made in writing, and the recount will be done by machine.
- Provisional ballots are processed just like absentee ballots, but they are more time-consuming to do.

Absentee Ballot Review: Ms. Austin

- There are 146 Ballots to be reviewed
Civilian: 140
Overseas: 4
Military: 2

Civilian ballots: Each 2 person Board Member team reviewed these ballots in the usual way

Overseas ballots: Each 2 person Board Member team reviewed these ballots in the usual way. When they finished, Chairman Quinn took them to the Duplicating Team. When the Duplicating Team signaled that they were finished, Chairman Quinn asked the team the routine questions and they each responded “Yes” after each question.

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Ballots presented by staff for possible disapproval:

- 20 Ballots were presented for evaluation.
- 14 ballots had no post mark, so cannot be counted
- 4 ballots had an incorrect postmark (5/18 instead of 5/17)
- 1 ballot had no second witness
- I don't have information regarding the 20th ballot.

The Board moved and passed unanimously to disapprove all 20 ballots

Poly bags

Ballots that were scanned were put into a blue Poly bag

Original ballots that were duplicated were put into a red Poly bag.

- 146 ballots will be added to the totals and more will be added next week
- There will be 203 Provisional ballots and more Absentee by mail ballots to be checked
- An abstract will be done (a handwritten list of the totals) and then compared to the results of the machine printed report
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As there was no other business, Chairman Quinn adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm