

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Aiden Carson

Meeting Date and Time: May 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member

Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan (Director)

Jacqueline Austin (Absentee Program Coordinator)

Joyce Kanavel (Voter Registration Specialist)

Victoria ?

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

Chairman Quinn welcomed the attendees in the room and the virtual attendees.

Agenda Items:

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous two meetings (May 17 & 20).
- **Office updates:** Director Corrine Duncan

She stated that the 11 AM meeting tomorrow (Canvass) will include challenges, manual edits, audits, and printing of final abstracts. She has heard from 2 media reps and expects they will be at the meeting.

If a recount is needed, it will be at 9 AM on Wednesday June 1.

Absentee Ballot Review: Jacqueline Austin

- 13 Absentee Ballots were recommended for disapproval.
- 1 had a signature issue and 12 failed to meet the deadline.
- Chairman Quinn held up 8 ballots which were postmarked on or before Election

Day but not received by the Friday deadline. He said that under the rules in place during the last election, they would have been counted but under the current rules they were not.

Provisional Ballots: Joyce Kanavel and Victoria

- There were 284 provisional ballots
- 100 were recommended for partial approval; 86 for complete approval; and 98 for disapproval
- Teams of 2 Board members reviewed all the ballots of each kind in turn, with Chairman Quinn reviewing and signing off on them all.
- Those ballots fully or partially approved went to the duplicating teams to be processed and then were sent to be scanned.
- One provisional ballot from precinct 67.1 had erroneously been put through the scanning machine at the voting site by the voter. It was retrieved from the scanner at that time and was processed as a provisional. A manual edit will be required at the Canvass meeting on 5/27 to adjust the machine count at that precinct.
- Most of the ballots disapproved were for non-registered voters. Most of those partially approved were for voters who went to the wrong voting place which did not have the correct ballot for them. Quite a few voters thought they had changed their registration to Unaffiliated and requested a ballot from the wrong party.
- Chairman Quinn moved to approve the batches of approved, partially approved, and disapproved ballots and all 3 were passed unanimously.
- Red, blue, and pink poly bags were reviewed by the board members before being sealed.

At 8:15 the meeting was adjourned.