

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: George Elam & Aiden Carson

Meeting Date & Time: November 18, 2022 11:00 AM

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member

Linda Block, Board Member

Names of Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan, Director

Neggy Fox (Election Preparation Specialist)

Anna Katherine Moore (minutes)

Devin Whitney (Elections Technical Specialist)

Bria Bailey (Elections Technical Specialist)

Other staff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jake Quinn at 11:00 AM

Agenda Items

Minutes from 11/7, 11/8, 11/14 approved unanimously.

Office Updates (Corinne Duncan):

- Administration Challenges and tally of manual edits will be followed by lunch break

Challenges (Devin Whitney):

- Challenges for Absentee by mail: Notices were sent out to the addresses of the challenged to give an opportunity to address the Board. No persons appeared to address any of the challenges. The three voters challenged were Helen C Riley, Doris Gitney, and John Haines (guessing at spelling). All 3 were disapproved unanimously due to not being residents as deceased persons.
- Challenges for Early Voting: Brenda Guilfoil was given the wrong ballot. The Board approved her ballot with the exception of the Asheville City races she was not entitled to vote.

- Patricia Lynn's ballot was disapproved as she is deceased.
- Voter Jeffrey Owenby attempted to vote on 11/1 but refused to give the poll worker his address. He returned on 11/2 and gave a partial address with a PO # on a business card. Neggy Fox told him he didn't live in a PO Box. The Board looked up several statutes and the Observer thinks they decided on 163-166.7 as the pertinent statute. . It states a voter must give an address when checking in. The Board unanimously disapproved his ballot based on the statute.
- Gwendolyn Falkenson's ballot was disapproved as she is deceased.
- Erin Harrison's ballot was disapproved as she is deceased.
- One ballot was somehow cast anonymously and it was disapproved as Unknown Voter.
- All these disapprovals were by unanimous vote.
- Devin stated the summary and reconciliation of One Stop and Absentee by Mail was balanced and all numbers matched.
- There was a rescan of precincts 8.2, 44.1, and 53.1. Due to an abandoned ballot??
- A poll worker error placed 2 ballots in a provisional envelope in precinct 22.2. (see problem described below for precinct 59.1 – may be for the same reason.)
- In precinct 8.3, a provisional ballot was put through the DS-200. It had to be rescanned.
- In precinct 49.1, two voters were given two ballots stuck together. They both voted both sides resulting in 4 ballots with votes on one side. Staff figured it out and had them duplicated down to 2 ballots.
- In precinct 59.1, two voters could not place their ballots in the DS-200 because it shut down. Their ballots were placed incorrectly in the provisional envelope.
- In precinct 52.1, three ballots were put in the DS-200 twice because the worker didn't think the first time worked.
- In precinct 49.1, a voter left with a ballot.
- In precinct 54.2, there were two extra ballots. Unknown who or how, Staff puzzled.
- In precinct 71.1, there was on more voter history number than ballots. Voter may have left with ballot.
- The above issues were presented by Bria Bailey who was very glad the process was over.

Earlier in the meeting, Mr. Black of the Republican Party had asked the Board to address reports of electioneering at Enka and Weaverville sites during Early Voting and through to Election Day. The issue was taken up at this point in the meeting. Mr. Black presented affidavits concerning electioneering at the Weaverville and Enka sites. The Board reviewed the information and agreed with Mr. Black that the information passed out at the polls was indeed improper. They cited statute 163.166.4 to determine the finding in favor of Mr. Black and the Republican Party. Mr. Aceto suggested placing the issue in poll worker training. All agreed. Director Duncan had tried early on to stop the

handouts.

The meeting recessed until 2:45 PM for lunch and to allow staff to complete work.

Canvass:

- Devin and Bailey distributed various reports to the Board members.
- The following reports were adopted and certified by unanimous vote of the Board:
 - Results of Election Summary by Contest
 - Results of Election Summary by Precinct
 - Official Results
 - Manual Edits
 - Block Style Report

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM

Next Meeting Date: 12/13/2022 at 4:30 PM

They'll do a post-election review and review minutes.