

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Carol Moulton and George Elam

Meeting Date & Time: November 1, 2022 3:30 pm

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Missing: Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member

Names of Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan, Director

Jacquelyn Austin (Absentee Program Coordinator)

Other staff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jake Quinn

Agenda Items

Minutes from Oct 18 & Oct 25 meetings were approved.

Office Update:

- Review of remaining voting days, times, and issues: As of the day of this meeting, there have been 44,663 people at early voting locations. Early voting continues, last day is Saturday Nov 5th. The polls close at 3:00 pm that Saturday, and there is expected to be a long line of voters waiting their turn.
- By law, any voters in line at 3:00 pm must be allowed to vote. In the past an election official has taken down the names of people waiting in line at 3:00 pm to assure that only those people are allowed to vote, and not people who join the line after 3:00 pm. Mr. Aceto suggested having two people – one from each party – go down the line together collecting names. This is for transparency of operations.
- Election Day is Tuesday November 8th. Voters must go to their own precinct's voting location, which will help avoid long lines (there are many more Election Day sites than there are Early Voting sites). Director said that some sites may not have extra persons to have a bipartisan team bi-partisan team taking the names of those waiting in line but they will look at it going forward.
- Review of Board of Elections staff: 11 permanent staff, 33 seasonal temps, 160 early

voting workers, 500 Election Day workers.

- The schedule for Board Members for Election Day was presented and discussed. The staff will start working at 5:30 am. The Board must be available for a quorum by 6:00 am, and will deal with challenges and problems that can't be decided at the polling place. Polls close at 7:30 pm. There will be 3 media availabilities during the day – the Director will be the lead speaker.
- As of this meeting 44,633 have voted in Early Voting. Director stated it looked like it's going to be less than 2018.
- No significant problems reported at the sites.

Absentee Ballot Review

- Jaqueline presented 1455 Civilian (including 2 visually impaired), 74 overseas, and 4 Military Absentee Ballots.
- 29 ballots were suggested for disapproval.
- Each board member was given a stack of absentee ballots, assorted by precinct number. The first task was to compare absentee ballot to ballot requests submitted and verify that information required to be on the outside of the envelope was provided. Each Board member was partnered with someone of the opposing political party to work on the absentee ballot considerations.
- Most disapprovals were for missing witnesses, witness not giving an address, voter not signing envelope, full name of voter not indicated, unmatched CID numbers, or unsealed ballot.
- Approved: 1449 Civilian Ballots, 74 Overseas, and 4 Military.
- Disapproved: 31
- 3 ballots put in pending status to be considered on Canvass Day.

Next Meeting Date: 11/4/2022 at 3:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm