

Buncombe County Board of Elections
Asheville/Buncombe County Board of Elections

Monitor Name: Elaine and George Elam and Aiden Carson in person

Date & Time: November 7, 2023 2:00 PM

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Secretary (virtual)

Mary Ann Braine, Board Member

Sally Stein: Board Member

Names of Buncombe Co Staff Attending: Corrine Duncan, Director; Justin Tate, Absentee Coordinator; Devin Whitney, Elections Technical Specialist; Anna Katherine Moore, Administrative Coordinator and Clerk to the Board; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Bonnie ?

Location of Meeting: 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville NC

Observers:

There were 14 audience attendees. 2 LWV, 1 Common Cause, the rest about equal numbers from the Democratic and Republican Party. 1 Sheriffs deputy.

Two observed the meeting virtually.

Agenda Items

I. Operations Update

- At 10 am there had been 221 voters (down from 2021).
- All precincts opened on time.
- There were no absentee ballots to review and no voter challenges

II. Absentee Ballot Review

- There were no absentee ballots to review and no voter challenges.
- Justin stated there were 44 absentee ballots returned. 2 needed cured and they were. Therefore all 44 were counted.
- Bria stated at 2 pm there were 670 votes.
- Jake said two precincts were combined due to low numbers of registered voters.
- Pct 28.1 with 4 voters was joined with pct 5.1
- Pct 41.1 with 31 voters was joined with pct 69.1
- Absentee by mail numbers were sent to the state.

III. Board Challenges (no challenges pending)

IV. Board oversees closing of the polls for Absentee and One-Stop

- At this point the Board recessed until 7 PM in order to oversee closing of the polls
- After reconvening at 7 PM, the Board discussed the attributes of ExpressVote.
- They signed off on the election summary and absentee ballot abstract with unanimous approval.
- Bria notarized the document. Jake stated this wraps up early voting and absentee ballots counts.
- Glen asked if there were any incidents today. Jake said everything went smoothly.
- Evidently Mr.Aceto brought candy to a polling site to see if he would be challenged. He was not. A lot of laughter followed. Jake said that when someone enters a polling site they should be met by the chief judge. Corrine said she will make sure rules are followed.
- At 7:30 Corrine announced the polls had closed. Now to wait for data to be released by the State.
- Corrine stated tomorrow at 11 am the State will select two precincts for a hand count. That should match the machine count.
- At appx 8:08 pm Jake announced a recess to go to 50 Coxe to receive voting equipment.