

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON, NC 28655
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2022
BOE BOARD ROOM

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Anthony Iovino, Linda Walker and Beverly Carlton. Absent Sandi Walker.
Staff: Director Debbie Mace and Dustin Wise.

Guest: Barbara Myers

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:01am, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Public Comment: Barbara Myers inquired about taking sample ballots into the polling place. Debbie informed her people are allowed to take in sample ballots and literature they need for voting.

Approve/Amend Agenda: Beverly Carlton requested we change the order of the items on the agenda, moving the Board Member's Responsibility to the end of the meeting. Anthony made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Approve the Minutes of September 13, 2022: Beverly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. All approved.

Old Business:

FYI – The Burke County BOE Emergency Plan was presented to each Board Member for their reference. These are present in each bin sent to the polling place and Chief Judges have poll workers familiarize themselves with the plan and sign a statement of completion.

On October 4, Director Mace presented the board members present with 86 ballots to be validated. It was determined the ballots would be reviewed, but held for processing at today's (October 11th) meeting. Therefore, today (October 11th) Board Members were presented the verified the ballots (81 civilian ballots and 5 replicated overseas ballots) to be opened.

Director Mace then presented the Board Members with the 43 ballots to be verified today (Oct 11th). Board Members verified the 43 ballots (40 civilian ballots and 3 overseas to be replicated). There was one additional ballot that was returned addressee unknown. Once all ballots were verified, they were opened.

Prior to beginning the process all Board Members noted the DS200 was at the zero mark. The total ballots (129 ballots) were then feed into the DS200 by Director Debbie Mace and Dustin Wise. Two of the ballots were unreadable due to damage/stray marks and had to be replicated and confirmed. Upon completion of the process the DS200 read 129 ballots cast. The machine was then locked and put into the vault.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the processing of the 129 ballots received over the last two weeks – 86 ballots on Oct 4th and 43 ballots on Oct 11th. All Approved.

FYI – Board of Election Member Responsibilities – No Poll Visits during Elections.

FYI – Linda Walker will be out of town for the November 8th Election Day and will miss the meeting.

FYI – Dates for future meetings were provided.

FYI – Discussion was had regarding Challenges.

FYI – Discussion was had regarding the speed of the Ballot on Demand Machine as number of races increase the size of the ballot.

FYI – Discussion of the staff workload post-election will include the task of pulling, copying and presenting the 2020 tapes as requested in a Public Records Request.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to Adjourn at 12:01pm. All Approved.