

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024

1ST ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING 10 AM

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, Linda Walker, and LH Kirksey.

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price

Guests; Barbara Myers

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comment; Barbara asked about voting hours and locations for early voting for second primary. Our Director provided the information for her.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Business:

Director Rhyne informed the board members the L & A testing had been performed and qualified.

Trent Price told the board members the State Board of Elections "mock election" was conducted on April 18, 2024. All went well. He also gave the secretary a list of serial numbers of all of the machines tested in the L & A procedure to file with the minutes.

Director Rhyne gave the board a list of the poll workers for the second primary noting a "minimal staff" will be necessary due to the low expected turnout.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the list of precinct workers presented by the Director. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey updated the board on the paperwork being finalized for Kenny.

Kenny is getting feedback from the District 3 Director on the position he has vacated and will provide the board with information as we work to establish duties, job title, and needs for this position. This will be used as we make our decision in preparation for listing the job opening. This should be ready for the next absentee meeting.

Linda Walker had requested the board look at getting an email account administered by the county to use in our communication. Kenny explained the county's policy on email and the process for maintaining safe use of email. He told the board members Dustin would work with them on this.

Linda and Beverly were the board members interested in this.

Director Rhyne then presented the board with 18 absentee ballots to be processed.

10 ballots needed affidavit review, 2 ballots had proper ID, 1 ballot was an overseas ballot requiring replication, and 5 ballots had to be spoiled. These ballots were from one of the assisted living facilities and had been automatically generated for the election cycle. The residents that had received the ballots declined to vote in this election.

The board processed the 12 ballots and opened the envelopes. The overseas ballot was replicated and verified.

Trent Price opened the DS200 Spare 03 to tabulate the ballots. The public count was verified as 0 with all board members. All board members signed the tape verifying the opening count.

Trent the fed all of the ballots into the DS 200 and verified the public count with the secretary as 13. He then secured the DS 200.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 11:10 AM. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session back to order at 11:40 AM.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 11:44 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary