

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024
PROVISIONAL/SUPPLEMENTAL MEETING**

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

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price, Dustin Wise, and Amy Moore

Guests; Pam Genant, Barbara Myers, and Diane Scott

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Public comments: Barbara thanked the board of elections for the work of the staff and board. Pam also thanked the board for the work in the election.

Beverly Carlton made a motion to amend the agenda to add two letters she had written to be discussed and approved by the board and approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Business.

Director Kenny Rhyne presented 129 supplemental ballots for the board to process and tabulate.

15 military ballots (13 replicated, two by mail), 6 overseas, 33 affidavit review, and 75 ID accepted.

Trent opened the spare 05 absentee ballot tabulator, verified the zero count on the machine with the board, and board members signed the tape. The board members processed the ballots and verified the count of envelopes matched the number of ballots (129).

Trent fed the ballots into the tabulator.

The secretary verified the public count of 129. Trent closed out the 05 spare ABS machine and the board members signed the tapes.

The board then received 302 provisional ballots for review. (16 ballots from early voting and 286 on election day)

Reference numbered memos from the SBoE, 2023-04, 2022-05 (on file with the State Board of Elections website) These are the guidelines for accepting or rejecting provisional ballots and handling challenges.

173 provisional ballots were denied, 94 approved, and 35 were submitted for board consideration. Note: 93 ballots were actually tabulated as 1 ballot that was a provisional was put into the DS 200 at Salem precinct. It was not marked with a red pen and could not be retrieved.

After inspection of the remaining ballots by the board members, 18 ballots were accepted and 17 were denied. (5 no ID, inactive previously removed, did not file exemption, 3 out of county, 2 missed registration deadline, 4 no ID/ or exemption form, 3 no registration)

Trent opened and started DS 200 spare 04 and verified the zero count. He then tabulated the ballots approved by the board and verified the public count with the secretary of 111 at 7:30PM.

The tapes were signed by all board members.

The additional item requested by Beverly was then brought up for discussion. These were letters she had drafted for the board's discussion and approval.

The first letter was a letter of appreciation to the County Manager and Commissioners to acknowledge the work done by the county to improve traffic flow during the election at the Burke Senior Center by extending the sidewalk.

After discussion, the only change was to update the letter to reflect the timing of the letter.

The second document was a template to send or use to provide information to restaurants being asked to help with the poll worker appreciation dinner planned for 12-03-2024.

Board members affirmed the documents.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:50PM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary