

Meeting Agenda

Location: Henderson County Board of Elections
75 E. Central St.
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Clay Eddleman (C-D) / Debbie Dante (S-R) / Cynthia Ellis (D) / Linda Rebuck (R) / Sharon Pearson(D)

Agenda details:

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- Tabulate Absentee Results
- Discussion of Future Election Site
- Tabulate Early Voting Results (7:30pm)

VII. Directors Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Henderson County Board of Elections

Welcome Please Sign In

Date: May 14, 2024

Group

1. Mawreen Heaphy
2. Peri David
3. Pat Regers CWV
4. Richard S. Vickers, Esq.
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Henderson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 14, 2024

The Board of Elections met on May 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Henderson County Board of Elections office at 75 E. Central Street. Members present were Clay Eddleman, Chair, Debbie Dante, Secretary, Linda Rebuck, Sharon Pearson, Cindy Ellis, Members, and Summer Heatherly, Director. Staff present: Aaron.

Pledge

Minutes: Minutes were approved for 5/13/24.

Agenda: Linda moved to approve the agenda. Sharon 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: Director sent email to Paul Cox regarding the Mail in Absentee Ballot ID Exception Form, to wit; why only question number 1 required voter to supply their Driver's License number or 4-Social Security number. His responsive email is attached. See NCGS§ 163-230.1(g)(2), that requires the above if the voter is claiming a reasonable impediment. Linda read her statement of concerns and the Director will incorporate it in a draft letter to the State Board.

New Business: **Tabulate Absentee Results.** Absentee tabulator seal #770172 was removed. Public Count: 71. Aaron closed tabulator and Board will do Vote Total Verification tally at 7:30 PM. Ending Public Count: 71.

Discussion of Future Election Site. We pay \$5,000 a month rent for our building (60K yearly). Board reviewed a draft letter to Mr. Pace and the Lease Agreement through 2029. The only future concern in our location is limited parking, but there is the grassy area behind the vet's office that could be looked into.

Chair moved that given the rent we are paying, the money would be better spent for the taxpayer's benefit, to purchase a permanent building for the County Board of Elections. The Board should approach the County Board of Commissioners Chair and City Manager regarding such purchase. Linda 2nd. Passed unanimously. Chair requested Debbie speak to Ms. McCall and ask what would be the appropriate steps to take.

Directors Comments: Director will be on vacation June 1 through June 11. As of 4 pm today, we voted 981.

Linda moved we recess until 7:30 Pm. Cindy 2nd. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 5:35 PM.

Reconvened 7:30 PM.

Tabulate Absentee Results. Board tallied Absentee results on Vote Total Verification and signed Results Tape. 71 Absentee votes.

Tabulate Early Voting Results. Board tallied Early voting results on Vote Total Verification and signed Results tape. 661 Early Votes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Deborah Dente

Secretary

Approved Disapproved

Coay Edden

Chairman

Approved Disapproved

Cindy Ellis

Member

Approved Disapproved

Julia Pollock

Member

Approved Disapproved

Sharon Hanson

Member

Approved this the 24 day of May, 2024.

Summer Heatherly

From: Cox, Paul <paul.cox@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:01 PM
To: Summer Heatherly; SBOE_Grp - Legal; SVC_SBOE.Legal.SBOE
Cc: Noce, John
Subject: RE: [External] Conference

Thanks, Summer. It's because of how the law is written. The legislature did not apply the identification number requirement to all exception form reasons. We'll take this suggestion under advisement for the conference. We're working on the agenda now.

NCGS 163-230.1

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(g) Rules. — The State Board, by rule or by instruction to the county board of elections, shall establish procedures to provide appropriate safeguards in the implementation of this section. The State Board shall adopt rules to provide for the forms of identification that shall be included with returned application and voted ballots. At a minimum, the rules shall include the following:

- (1)** Acceptable photocopies of forms of readable identification, as described in G.S. 163-166.16(a).
- (2)** A process for a voter without acceptable photocopies of forms of readable identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection to complete an alternative affidavit in accordance with G.S. 163-166.16(d)(1), (d)(2), or (d)(3) that includes inability to attach a physical copy of the voter's identification with the returned application and voted ballots as a reasonable impediment to compliance with the identification requirement, provided the reasonable impediment includes one of the following:
 - a.** The number of the voter's North Carolina drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional license.
 - b.** The number of the voter's special identification card for nonoperators issued under G.S. 20-37.7.
 - c.** The last four digits of the voter's social security number.

From: Summer Heatherly <sheatherly@hendersoncountync.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 9:19 AM
To: SBOE_Grp - Legal <Legal@ncsbe.gov>; SVC_SBOE.Legal.SBOE <legal.sboe@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Noce, John <John.Noce@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Conference

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Good morning,