

MINUTES
April 12, 2022
2:00 P.M.
Wake County Board of Elections

Chair Erica Porter called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Wake County Board of Elections to order at 2:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Erica Porter, Keith Weatherly, Greg Flynn, Angela Hawkins, Gerry Cohen, Director Gary Sims, Deputy Director Olivia McCall, and staff members Spencer Berg, Evan Wingate, Bailey Gardner, Chris Brown, Victor Hartsell, Matt Guess, Jacqueline Cameron, Eyrusalem Mekonnen and Eva Diggs.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Greg Flynn, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

Chair Erica Porter opened the floor for public comments.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board approved the minutes from the February 15, 2022, Board Meeting.

Director Gary Sims presented two polling place name changes to the Board.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Greg Flynn, the Board unanimously accepted the name change to precinct 01-06 from Village Regional Library to Oberlin Regional Library and precinct 01-26 from Chavis Community Center to John Chavis Memorial Park Community Center pursuant to G.S. 163-128. Chair Erica Porter signed the resolution.

Director Gary Sims presented an emergency polling place move.

On motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Greg Flynn, the Board unanimously approved the 04-03 polling place move from New Bethel Church Raleigh to Cary Fire Station #9 pursuant to G.S. 163-128. Chair Erica Porter signed the resolution.

Chair Erica Porter explained the absentee by mail return envelope review process.

Director Gary Sims and Deputy Director Olivia McCall presented 48 Civilian and 9 UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes for the Board to review.

After review, on motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Greg Flynn, the Board unanimously approved the 57 Absentee ballots.

Director Gary Sims presented three Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes with tears.

After review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously approved two Absentee Ballots.

After review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously denied one Absentee Ballot and instructed staff to issue a new ballot to the voter.

After discussion, Angela Hawkins motioned to amend her previous motion approving Absentee ballots to include storing them until the next meeting. Greg Flynn seconded, and the Board unanimously approved storing the ballots until the next board meeting.

After discussion, Gerry Cohen motioned to amend his previous motion approving 2 absentee ballots to include storing them until the next meeting. Greg Flynn seconded, and the Board unanimously approved storing the ballots until the next board meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hawkins, Secretary

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