

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
March 14, 2024

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting of March 5, 2024.

The Board then unanimously approved supplemental absentee ballots, received through 7:30pm on election night, as follows: 49 civilian ballots with ID, 3 civilian ballots with ID exception forms, 2 military ballots and 6 overseas ballots. 4 civilian ballots received could not be counted because three had missing signatures and one had no ballot enclosed in the envelope. 10 more civilian ballots could not be counted because they arrived after the 7:30pm deadline.

Turning then to provisional ballots, 55 were approved unanimously based on staff research that the voters in question were properly registered. 64 were rejected because the voters were not properly registered. 4 more could not be approved without the presentation of ID, which the voters in question may still do by 5pm on March 14. The status of those ballots will be finalized at canvass.

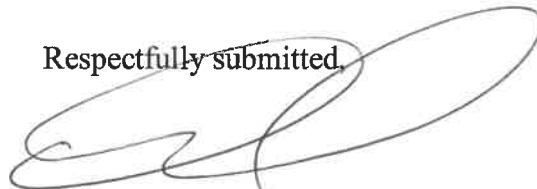
Director Amanda Duncan reported that one more voter has died after that voter cast a ballot during early voting. The status of that vote, and others received in that same category, shall be determined at canvass.

The Board discussed the need to set early voting hours for the May 14 second primary. After discussion, the board unanimously approved using the Newton library in lieu of the Board office, limiting early voting to that one location, and adopting the normal hours of operation except to extend the weekday voting time deadline to 6pm.

The Board then considered whether to combine voting precincts for the May 14 second primary, as the Board often does for municipal races where light turnout is expected. Because the savings for such a move would not be enough to justify potential voter confusion and inconvenience, no proposal was made to combine any precincts for that election.

There being no other items of business, Chair Cheney then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Hood', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

David W. Hood, Secretary