

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
March 15, 2024

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2024.

The Board then unanimously approved one additional provisional ballot application in addition to those approved on March 14. One voter satisfied the requirement to provide ID by 5pm on March 14 in order for the ballot to count.

The Board then reviewed and executed abstracts for the Supplement Absentee Ballot totals. Two additional absentee ballots have been received after the election day deadline, and thus will not be counted.

Amanda Duncan reported that the voter history audits had been performed, and that all totals from absentees, one-stop, provisional and election day categories had matched the ballot cast numbers, so the audit showed no issues. She reported on the results of the Hand-To-Eye sample audit for Precinct 40 and for the Conover early voting location, both of which showed 100% accuracy of the machine-generated totals.

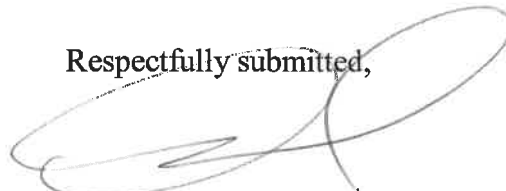
The Board then conducted hearings on ballots challenged for various reasons, with no one being present to oppose these challenges. As such, all the challenges were upheld with the votes not to be counted. 7 voters had died before election day after having submitted absentee ballots or early voting. 1 voter tried to register as a Republican at early voting though already registered as a Democrat and whose ballot had been submitted into the machine, but that ballot was retrievable and does not count. His provisional ballot as a Democrat was counted instead. Finally, 1 voter's provisional ballot was inserted into a tabulator on site by mistake, but that ballot was retrievable. The voter was able to correctly cast a later provisional ballot.

The official results from the primary election were presented and certified.

The Board revisited the need to set early voting hours for the May 14 second primary. At the previous meeting, the Board had set hours for the one site in Newton to extend to 6pm on weekdays, but that is not allowed as an option under current law. The Board then unanimously amended the hours to end 5pm on weekdays.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Hood, Secretary