

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
July 31, 2024

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 8:15am. Member Luckadoo was not in attendance. The minutes from the May 24, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

Director Amanda Duncan reported that owner representatives from all but fourteen private precinct locations had signed and returned our proposed Polling Place Usage Agreement. The Board unanimously approved a resolution to locate permanently the voting location in Precinct 39 to St Albans Episcopal.

Director Duncan reported that the Catawba Co BOE has chosen not to participate in the elections education event scheduled for August 20 at St. Andrews Lutheran. She also proposed that the Board hire Brett Herron as a temporary part-time employee to help with the November election. This was approved unanimously.

Director Duncan had been asked about how duplication registration cards for the same voter could have taken place, with sequential numbers. This is not an unusual occurrence when receiving voter registration information from the NCDMV, that duplicate registrations are created. The Board's software system flags this when it happens, at which time one merged registration is established to take the place of the two incorrectly duplicated registrations.

The Catawba County Republican Party had requested that the Catawba County BOE not use ballot-marking devices for early voting for the fall election cycle. After discussion, an option arose that would allow a voter during early voting to choose between using the ballot-marking devices or using a printed-on-demand paper ballot for physical marking by the voter. The tabulator will read both types of ballots. Enacting this option would cost \$65,850 plus a license/maintenance fee of \$5700. David Hood proposed that the Board adopt this option, which passed 3-1 with Member Culbreath-Setzer dissenting.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Hood, Secretary