

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 14, 2025
Canvass

Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. All members were in attendance, Tommy Luckadoo by phone.

Board approved minutes from November 7th meeting.

No ballots were received by office since last meeting, so no additional votes to record. Supplemental Oaths were signed.

Write-In votes were reviewed. No one received 5 or more votes in a race for which they were eligible to serve, so we are not required to report those results.

Next item is Reconciliation of election: comparing totals from the SEIMS Voter History = 8,618 to the ElectionWare ballots cast = 8,620. This is due to: on election day at Pct 8, a voter placed a provisional ballot into the DS300, and during Early voting at Highland Rec, a voter voted twice. The provisional ballot will be removed and the Board will address the double vote later in the meeting.

Sample hand-to-eye audit was conducted on November 4 at 9:00 A.M. Performed by Amanda Duncan, Trudy McSwain, Marvin Bentley, and Grayson Saunders. Overseen by Barry Cheney and Kelsey Williams. Precinct #24, Mt. View #2 and #29 St. Stephens #2 were audited. Contest recounted was Hickory Mayoral. Hand-to-eye count matched the machine count in both precincts.

Next item is to hold a hearing on the Early Voting Challenge. Robert Lee Floyd voted twice during early voting period. He was sent a notice of the Challenge. Hood inquired if Mr. Floyd was present, he was not. Dir. Duncan explained that Mr. Floyd thought his earlier vote was in the primary. Since he was not present to contest the Challenge, a motion to sustain the Challenge was upheld by vote of Board. Mr. Floyd's second ballot will be removed from the ballots counted. As a result, the voter history now matches ballots cast: 8,618. This represents a 16.5% turnout of 52,379 eligible voters.

Abstract of election results were certified by Board vote and signed by Board members. Nothing had change since last Friday's meeting. Hood pointed out that Brookford Mayor race and Brookford Alderman have not changed, still ties.

Resolution of ties in 2 Brookford contests: Began with Alderman race between Charles Bargsley and Eric Biter, both with 51 votes. Mr. Bargsley was present, Mr. Biter via telephone. Both were informed by Hood that they have a right to request a recount. They both declined. Mr. Biter signed a waiver electronically prior to meeting, Mr. Bargsley signed during meeting.

Chair Hood performed a coin toss to determine winner. Mr. Biter called heads. Coin landed heads up, Mr. Biter declared winner in Alderman contest.

In Mayoral race, Mr. Bill McGregor and Thomas Schronce each had 54 votes. Both were present. Hood offered them a chance to request a recount. Both declined and signed waivers. Again, coin toss was performed by Hood. Mr. McGregor called heads. Coin landed tails up. Mr. Schronce was declared the winner.

Board reviewed Early Voting Plan for March 3rd Primary election. No changes from previous

schedules. Board approved plan.

Resolution to change time of mandatory Provisionals meeting on March 6th to 4 P.M. was presented. Board approved resolution.

Duncan suggested that Board approve the hiring of Ruth Trott as part-time temporary worker to replace Lori Wray who is retiring. Ms. Trott is a Democrat, which will help to preserve the balance, and she speaks Spanish, so that could be useful. Board approved hire.

No other business to address, Chair Hood adjourned meeting at 11:18 A.M.



Respectfully submitted,
Barry Cheney, Secretary

Reconciliation