

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
August 5, 2022

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 11am for the official canvass of the July 26 Hickory municipal election. The minutes from the July 26, 2022 meeting were adopted unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved and counted three Supplemental Absentee Ballots which were received in time with proper signatures. Three other absentee ballots were not approved, two because of lack of postmark date and one due to missing signatures. See attached document regarding these voters.

One provisional ballot was submitted from election day, but was disapproved by the Board unanimously because the voter was registered in Mecklenburg County as of July 26.

The Board reviewed the write-in votes from the election and noted that no one person received five votes and thus no report is necessary.

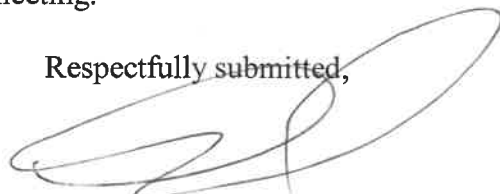
Director Amanda Duncan reported that the required reconciliation and audit process from the election yielded no variation from the totals reported election night. She also reported on the Hand-to-Eye Sample Audit required under state law – Precincts 13 and 30 were counted with no deviation from the previously reported totals. The Board then unanimously approved and signed the certifications of the elections results.

The Board then unanimously approved the attached One-Stop Implementation Plan for the November 8 election.

Director Duncan reported that a blank ballot had been inserted on election day by a voter in Precinct 14. The precinct worker removed that ballot and then allowed the voter to submit a second, voted ballot. While this was not the proper procedure to cure the blank ballot being mistakenly inserted by the voter, the overall results did not change because the first ballot was indeed blank. Duncan has emphasized to the staff in question, for future reference, that a provisional ballot would have been the appropriate remedy. Duncan also reported that a write-in candidacy for the office of Sheriff has been submitted, and will require Board approval should the number of verified signatures and other needed paperwork be submitted in time. That would require another Board meeting, which would then take place on August 12 at 8:15am.

Board Chair Cheney then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Hood, Secretary