

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 18, 2022

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 11am. Member Culbreath-Setzer was not present. The minutes from the November 17 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Board proceeded with a scheduled hearing on the Board's challenge to the voter Gwendolyn Kingsley, who returned an absentee ballot before unfortunately passing away before Election Day. After reviewing a copy of her death certificate, and there being no one appearing to oppose this challenge, the Board unanimously sustained its challenge to her vote since state law dictates that a person must still be living as of Election Day in order for their absentee ballot to be counted.

The Board then proceeded with the official canvass of the November 8 election. The vote totals were reconciled, the results from the hand-to-eye sample audit accepted, and the write-in vote totals were reported with the following persons having their write in votes counted pursuant to law: 85 votes for Diana Jimison for the 10th District U.S. Congress race; 3 votes for Michelle Lewis for the U.S. Senate race; 7 votes for Phillip Keever, 7 for Jason Lamb, and 5 for Gary Whitener, all for the Soil and Water race. The Board signed the abstracts and certified the election totals.

The Board discussed that Catawba County School Board candidate Kathy Kelly is within the threshold to request a recount. She has until Monday, November 21 at 5pm to request such a recount in writing.

In a matter tabled from an earlier meeting, a request had been made from the Republican Party that the Board of Elections website either no longer include a link to the vote411.org website, or that the Board allow other organizations regarding elections to be linked on the Board's website. After discussion, the Board voted 3-1 (with Chair Cheney voting against) to adopt a policy under which no non-governmental entity or organization (including vote411.org) shall have any website links on the Board of Elections website.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Hood', written over a horizontal line.

David W. Hood, Secretary