

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
August 22, 2023

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 8:15am. Member Culbreath-Setzer was present by phone.

The minutes from the July 18 meeting were unanimously approved, as was the rescission of the One-Stop Voting plan for the Hickory primary election, there being no such primary for 2023. The Board then unanimously adopted the proposed slate of judges for each precinct, to serve for the 2023-2025 election cycle. A copy of that list is attached to these minutes.

Director Amanda Duncan reported that new elections machines/software, which the Board had already agreed to pursue, will be ready for demonstration by the October 3 meeting. County staff and commissioners will be invited for that demonstration, which will include two different vendors as required by law.

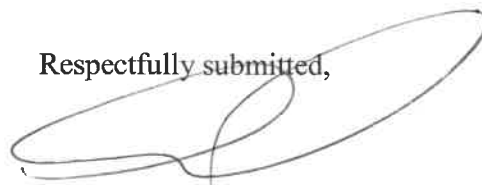
Duncan proposed Lori Wray for the temporary staff position available for the fall election cycle, due to the relocation of Barbara Morris. This was unanimously approved.

In the normal process for the removal of felons from the Catawba County voter rolls, the Board received a letter from voter Daniel R. Green, Jr. objecting to his removal from the rolls. Pursuant to law, the Board then determined whether there was probable cause to proceed with his removal. The facts show that Green was convicted of one or more felonies on August 12, 2021, with his parole beginning April 8, 2023 and continuing on until April 6, 2028. Since the law provides that a felon serving parole is not an eligible voter, the Board unanimously concluded that there was probable cause to proceed with the removal process.

Pursuant to the statutory procedure, Green is entitled to a hearing before the Board in order for evidence to be presented, and for the Board to issue a decision, regarding the grounds for his removal as a voter. This is scheduled for October 3, 2023 at 8:15am. A letter will be sent to Green providing this information.

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

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Hood, Secretary