

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 3, 2023

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 8:15am. All members were present in-person.

The minutes from the August 22 meeting were unanimously approved.

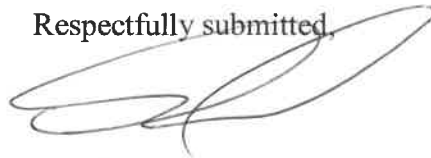
As to the hearing scheduled for October 3 regarding the removal from the voter rolls of Daniel R. Green, Jr. on the grounds of felony conviction, the Board received written notice from Mr. Green that he had withdrawn his objection to removal. Because that objection was the only basis for the hearing, David Hood moved to dismiss his objection and allow the removal to proceed. This passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed video demonstrations regarding new election machines from two vendors, Hart and ES&S. After discussion regarding the pros and cons of each vendor, and of updating software in the current DS 200 machines versus purchasing the new DS 300 machines from ES&S, David Hood moved to move forward with the purchase of new DS 300 machines from ES&S, which passed unanimously. The primary bases for doing so were improved operating system security and the fact that such an upgrade will likely be mandatory in the future anyway. By purchasing now, the Board will save money in the long run, as demand and inflation will likely push these prices up in the near future.

The Board then approved unanimously the list of names to the Multipartisan Assistance Team for the 2023-2025 time period. The Board also cancelled its scheduled October 10, 2023 meeting given that there will likely be little to no returned absentee ballots to approve by then.

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