



ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Agenda
Orange County Board of Elections
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 4 PM

Present: Jamie Cox, Chair; Shawnee Bigelow, Secretary; Clare Brennan; Elvira Mebane; Jason Roberts;
and Rachel Raper, Director

Others present to address the Board: Marilyn Carter and Jonah Garson

Call to order: Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment:

Chair Cox opened the floor to allow public comment.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Ms. Bigelow moved and Ms. Mebane seconded the motion to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Raper provided:

- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Voter Registration Statistical Report

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 105,603 registered voters. Registered voters increased by 182 since April 9, 2019.

Board Discussions:

Precinct Uniformity Project Preview:

County Boards did not receive data from the SBE by April 19, 2019 in regards to the precinct uniformity project. NC House Bill 1014 was introduced changing the precinct uniformity timeline. Information will be forthcoming once it is made available. As previously discussed, the Board will solicit community feedback on this project by sending the suggested changes to the county party chairs, creating a public comment portal on the webpage of the Orange County Board of Elections, and a special meeting allowing public comment if the Chair or majority of the Board deems the meeting necessary to address the suggested precinct boundary changes. All feedback on the suggested precinct boundary changes will be forwarded to the State Board of

Elections. The Board discussed the current precinct boundaries and the process of determining if voters could be better served by altered precinct lines.

Photo ID Implementation:

Director Raper provided an overview of the office's issuance of photo IDs for voting purposes. Each county is required to have two voter ID seminars with staff from the SBE present. In conjunction with the Department of Aging and the SBE we are hosting our voter ID seminars July 15 from 5:30-7:30 at the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill and at the Passmore Senior Center in Hillsborough August 8 from 1:30-3:30.

UNC One-Stop Location:

Mr. Roberts is working with Kristen Young, UNC Director of Community Relations, to identify sites on the UNC campus eligible to serve as a long-term solution for an early voting site. Once identified, sites will be discussed and evaluated by the Board.

Board Actions:

Durham Municipal Scheduling:

58 voters live in the City of Durham and Orange County; as such we are required to conduct the October Municipal Primary, including One-Stop, for the City of Durham. One voter voted in the 2015 October Municipal Primary and one voter voted in the 2017 October Municipal Primary. After discussion among board members, Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded the motion to adopt the following one-stop, early voting schedule for the City of Durham October Municipal Primary:

September 18 –20: Board of Elections, 8 am – 5 pm

September 23 – 27: Board of Elections, 8 am – 5 pm

September 30 – October 4: Board of Elections, 8 am – 5 pm

A unanimous decision was reached.

Closed Session:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded the motion the Board move into closed session as permitted in NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6)

Adjournment:

Ms. Brennan moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded the motion the Board adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: July 23, 2019 at 5 pm