



ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Orange County Board of Elections
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 4:30 PM

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

Call to order:

Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order. There was no one present to address the Board.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Mebane seconded the motion to approve the July 24, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Raper provided:

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

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 106,337 registered voters. Registered voters increased by 258 since July 24, 2019

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

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

Board Discussions:

The director and Carlton McKee, GIS Specialist, presented the Board with staff recommendations for precinct boundary alterations. The staff recommendations were based on in-person, Election Day voter turnout data and persistent concerns found at several precincts on Election Day. Precincts recommended to be combined by staff were: Booker Creek and Cedar Falls; East Franklin and Battle Park; Lincoln and Westwood; and County Club, Glenwood, Mason Farms, and a piece of East Franklin. Areas recommended by staff to create precincts were: Rogers Road and Eubanks area; area east of Hillsborough; and City of Mebane area. A copy of this report and the data used is a part of these minutes.

The Board directed staff to solicit community feedback on the proposed precinct changes by sending the proposals to the county party chairs, creating a public comment portal on the Orange County Board of Elections webpage allowing comment through noon on September 6, and holding a special meeting allowing for in-person public comment. All feedback will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

Board Actions:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded a motion to hold a meeting on August 22, 2019 at 6 pm to allow for in-person public comment.

Adjournment:

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

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: August 13, 2019 at 4:30 pm