Minutes of Meeting 29 October 2024

The Wilson County Board of Elections met on October 29, 2024, at the Board of Elections office at 112 Douglas Street, Wilson NC 27894.

Members Present: Chairman Chip Futrell, Wanda Davis, Pete Hall, and George Leach

- **1. Call to Order.** A quorum from the board was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Futrell at 5:00 pm.
- **2. Approval of the Agenda**. The following agenda was proposed: determination of a quorum, approval of agenda, approval of the minutes, director update, review and approval of absentee ballots, next meeting and adjourn. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the 22 October 2024 Open Board of Elections meeting were reviewed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion that the minutes of the open meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **4. Director Update.** The Director reported that the past week of early voting has gone smoothly. The extra tables and chairs at the Health Department early voting site were removed as requested to allow for more space at that voting site. In 2020, 25,815 Wilson voters participated in early voting. As of 4:30 today, we have had 22,640 have voted early, not including the mailed-in absentee ballots. In 2020, there were 4,739 who requested a mailed absentee ballot. As of today, over 1900 civilian ballots have been mailed out for this election plus 56 ballot to military and 55 to overseas voters. Today is the last day to request a ballot to be mailed. An additional individual has been hired to help in the office on election day.
- **8. Review and approval of absentee ballots.** A total of 346 (9 Military, 14 Overseas, and 323 Civilian) ballots were scanned during this meeting. Combined with the ballots scanned previously, the total number of ballots scanned to date at 775.
- **9. Adjournment.** Chairman Futrell noted that the BOE would likely be meeting next Monday at 5 pm to review and approve absentee ballots. Canvas would be 11 am on 15 November. Recounts and protests would be addressed 18-22 November if needed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. These minutes were recorded by Chip Futrell.

Recounts and protests would be addressed 18-22 November if needed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. These minutes were recorded by Chip Futrell.

Minutes of Meeting 22 October 2024

The Wilson County Board of Elections met on October 22, 2024, at the Board of Elections office at 112 Douglas Street, Wilson NC 27894.

Members Present:

Chairman Chip Futrell, Wanda Davis, Pete Hall, and George Leach

- 1. Call to Order. A quorum from the board was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Futrell at 5:02 pm.
- **2. Approval of the Agenda**. The following agenda was proposed: determination of a quorum, approval of agenda, approval of the minutes, director update, voting site diagrams with areas marked for volunteers, Health Department site tables and chairs, review of procedures for voters who show as previously voted and voters who do not have their identification, review and approval of absentee ballots, next meeting and adjourn. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the 15 October 2024 Open Board of Elections meeting were reviewed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion that the minutes of the open meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **4. Director Update.** The Director reported that the first days early voting has gone smoothly. There was a brief issue with power at one electrical receptacle at the Miller Road site, which was quickly resolved. As of close-of-business on Monday, October 23, 2024, 9431 voters voted. There are approximately 1,341 absentee ballots mailed out so far this election.
- **5. Voting Site Diagrams with Areas Marked for Volunteers.** The Director submitted two diagrams of early voting sites, noting the flow of voters and location of tables, computers, voting booths and observers. The Director stated that the diagrams of the other voting sites will be similar to these diagrams on election day.
- 6. Health Department Site Tables and Chairs. The Director said that she would request that the Health Department remove the extra tables and chairs, due to limited space in the room.
- 7. Review of Procedures for Voters Who Show as Previously Voted and Voters who Do Not Have Their Identification. In regards to voters who show as previously voted, the poll workers are to call the office to request the BOE office personnel to check the record. The voter is to be given a provisional ballot. In regards to voters who do not have their identification, they are not to be turned away. Instead, they are to be given a provisional ballot and may return with their identification until close-of-business on November 14, 2024 or complete an exception form. The board also noted that the voter has the option of leaving and returning with their identification if they do not want to cast a provisional ballot or complete an exception form.
- **8. Review and approval of absentee ballots.** A total of 181 (7 Military, 4 Overseas, and 170 Civilian) ballots were scanned during this meeting. Combined with the 114 ballots scanned as of last week brings the total number of ballots scanned to date at 429.
- **9. Adjournment.** Chairman Futrell noted that the BOE would likely be meeting next Tuesday at 5 pm to review and approve absentee ballots. Canvas would be 11 am on 15 November.

Minutes of Meeting 15 October 2024

The Wilson County Board of Elections met on October 15, 2024, at the Board of Elections office at 112 Douglas Street, Wilson NC 27894.

Members Present:

Chairman Chip Futrell, Wayland Parker, Wanda Davis, Pete Hall, and George Leach

- **1. Call to Order.** A quorum from the board was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Futrell at 5:02 pm.
- **2. Approval of the Agenda**. The following agenda was proposed: Determination of a Quorum, Approval of Agenda, Approval of the Minutes, Director Update, Review and approval of absentee ballots, Next Meeting and Adjourn. Ms. Wanda Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the 8 October 2024 Open Board of Elections meeting were reviewed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion that the minutes of the open meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **4. Director Update.** The Director reported that Early Voting was ready to start: Set Up, IT, printers tested, and Judges ready to go. It was reported that the recent training provided was well done. There are approximately 850 absentee ballots mailed out.
- **5. Review and approval of absentee ballots.** A total of 134 (2 Military, 9 Overseas, and 123 Civilian) ballots were scanned during this meeting. Combined with the 114 ballots scanned as of last week brings the total number of ballots scanned to date at 248.
- **6. Adjournment.** Chairman Futrell noted that the BOE would likely be meeting next Tuesday at 5 pm to review and approve absentee ballots. The BOE may not be required to come in any earlier than 5 pm on 5 November, however that decision is still pending. Canvas would be 11 am on 15 November. Recounts and protests would be addressed 18-22 November if needed. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm. These minutes were recorded by Wayland E. Parker

Minutes of Meeting 8 October 2024

The Wilson County Board of Elections met on October 8, 2024, at the Board of Elections office at 112 Douglas Street, Wilson NC 27894.

Members Present:

Chairman Chip Futrell, Wayland Parker, Wanda Davis, Pete Hall, and George Leach

- **1. Call to Order.** A quorum from the board was present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Futrell at 5:09 pm.
- **2. Approval of the Agenda**. The following agenda was proposed: Determination of a Quorum, Approval of Agenda, Approval of the Minutes, Review and approval of absentee ballots, Next Meeting and Adjourn. The Chairman moved to add a Director Update after the Approval of the Minutes. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **3. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the 1 October 2024 Open Board of Elections meeting were reviewed. The Chairman moved to amend the minutes by adding "approximately" to the number of ballots that were sent out. Mr. George Lech made a motion that the minutes of the open meeting be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 4. Director Update. The Director mentioned that the staff had been very busy. The staff had sent out approximately 750 ballots. The Wilson BOE Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) had visited 3 or 4 nursing facilities offering assistance regarding voter registration and absentee ballot request forms. The Director did mention that the state has decided that the counties would have to absorb the cost of reprinting the ballots. Mr Pete Hall asked if the board had officially delegated to the Director and staff permission to receive, log in and initially review the absentee ballots in accordance with the respective statutes and policy associated with absentee voting. The Board was not sure if the resolution outlining the Directors duties and responsibility specifically addressed this topic. To be sure, the Chairman made a motion that the Director and staff, while adhering to the relevant statutes and policies, be given permission to receive, log in, and initially review absentee ballots in preparation for the board's review and approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **5. Review and approval of absentee ballots.** 15 Photo ID Exceptions ballots were reviewed and accepted to be placed with the other Civilian ballots. 1 military absentee ballot was reviewed, approved, and scanned. 3 Overseas ballots were reviewed, approved and scanned. 80 Civilian ballots were reviewed, approved and scanned. A total of 84 ballots were scanned during this meeting. Combined with the 30 ballots scanned last week brings the total number of ballots scanned to date at 114.
- **6. Adjournment.** Chairman Futrell noted that the BOE would likely be meeting next Tuesday at 5 pm to review and approve absentee ballots. Mr. Pete Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. These minutes were recorded by Wayland E. Parker