

**MINUTES**  
**October 4, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Wake County Board of Elections**

Chair Erica Porter called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Wake County Board of Elections to order at 10:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Erica Porter, Keith Weatherly, Greg Flynn, Angela Hawkins, Gerry Cohen, Director Gary Sims, Deputy Director Olivia McCall, staff members Spencer Berg, Evan Wingate, Danner McCulloh, and Madeline Rickett.

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Gerry Cohen, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

On motion by Greg Flynn, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 21, 2022, Board Meeting.

Chair Erica Porter read a summary of public comments submitted electronically and opened the floor for public comments.

Director Gary Sims explained the Absentee By Mail Return Envelope review and approval process.

Before review, on motion by Greg Flynn, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously directed staff to open, flatten, straighten, and sort the approved Absentee Ballots as they are reviewed by the Board, and for a bipartisan team of Board Members to escort the approved ballots to the tabulator room to be run through the DS850 High Speed Tabulator.

Director Gary Sims presented 2,290 Civilian Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes, 200 Overseas Ballots, and 14 Military Ballots for the Board to review.

After review, on motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Gerry Cohen, the Board unanimously approved 2,289 Civilian Absentee Ballots, 200 Overseas Ballots, and 14 Military Ballots.

The Board tabled Absentee Ballot CIV-1652 for staff to contact the voter to clarify witness information.

Deputy Director Olivia McCall presented 4 Civilian Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes needing additional action for the Board to review.

After review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Keith Weatherly, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Absentee Ballots CIV-10567, CIV-6272, and CIV-1444.

After review, on motion by Gerry Cohen, second by Angela Hawkins, the Board unanimously agreed to direct staff to spoil Absentee Ballot CIV-3961 and re-issue the voter a new Absentee Ballot due to the same name being printed on both witness lines.

On motion by Angela Hawkins, second by Greg Flynn, the Board unanimously directed staff to replicate 14 Emergency bin ballots that could not be counted by the DS850 High Speed Tabulators and present them at the 10/11/22 Absentee Board Meeting.

The Board signed the Absentee Cover Sheet for the 2,506 approved Absentee Ballots.

The Board signed the zero reports and count reports.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Hawkins, Secretary

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