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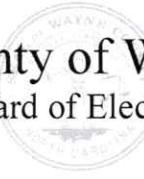
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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting September 9, 2025

Robert C. Jackson, Chairman
Eddie L. Edwards, Member (absent)
Tristian K. Beard, Member
Anne C. Risku, Director

Nicki T. Artis, Secretary
Charles Wright, Member
Andrew Neal, County Attorney

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time, and a quorum was present. Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the September 9, 2025 Meeting Agenda

- a. Mr. Beard made a motion to approve the September 9, 2025 meeting agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- a. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Special Presentation to Mr. Jimmy Hull

- a. Ms. Risku presented Mr. Jimmy Hull with a plaque in recognition of his service as a member of the Wayne County Board of Elections from 2013-2025. Staff and Board Members thanked him for his contributions to the Wayne County Board of Elections.

IV. Early Voting Precinct Official Appointments

- a. Ms. Risku presented the Board with a staff recommended list of Early Voting Precinct Officials for the November 4, 2025 Municipal and Sanitary District Election.
- b. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the Early Voting Precinct Officials as recommended by staff. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

V. Absentee Resolution

- a. Ms. Risku presented the Board with a *Resolution to Begin Counting Absentee Ballots on November 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and to add Absentee Board Meetings on November 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday November 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.*
- b. Mr. Artis asked for clarification on the meeting dates. Mr. Wright asked for clarification on attendance requirements. Ms. Risku clarified the need for the meetings in the resolution and that a physical quorum is present for all Absentee meetings and all members are required to attend Canvass.
- c. Mr. Beard made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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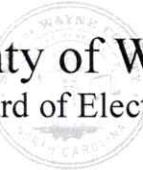
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VI. Resolution to Delegate Duties

- a. Ms. Risku presented the Board with a *Resolution to Delegate Administrative Duties Relating to Absentee Voting to the Director*.
- b. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Director's Update

- a. Ms. Risku updated the Board on staff's progress with the Registration Repair Project. Mr. Jackson asked for an update on numbers which Ms. Risku provided. Mr. Jackson stated he was asked about a particular situation and would like to pass that along to staff. Mr. Wright asked Ms. Risku if it was better for Board Members to direct voters directly to staff as opposed to being an intermediary on such matters. Ms. Risku stated either is fine as long as the information is provided to staff.
- b. Ms. Risku also updated the Board on Sample Ballots, Logic and Accuracy Testing, upcoming Board meetings and Observer law changes.
- c. Ms. Risku informed the Board that due to an event at the Maxwell Center, the Board of Elections was offered use of the Farm Credit Farmer's Market building located on the Maxwell Center property for the 2026 primary election. The Mt. Olive Train Depot and the Wayne County Public Library have been secured for both 2026 elections. Mr. Beard asked about room for electioneers. Ms. Risku stated the 50-foot line would be in the nearby parking lot and should be sufficient. Mr. Jackson asked about the possibility of combining Election Day precincts and having less days of Early Voting. Ms. Risku stated that merging precincts is possible but Early Voting days are set by statute except for the first two weekends. Mr. Beard asked for data on Sunday voting turnout and asked were the political parties involved in setting Early Voting schedules. Mr. Risku responded with the data and that, no, the Early Voting schedule is solely set by the local Board based on General Statutes.

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. Barbara Dantonio, 152 Parks Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534 stated she did not have a problem with using the Farm Credit Farmer's Market but suggested the Board adopt a 25-foot electioneering boundary as opposed to 50-foot for that site.
 - i. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Beard asked Ms. Risku and Mr. Neal for clarification on the 50-foot boundary statutes. Clarification was provided. Mr. Wright asked if there were more issues than he was aware of last election. Ms. Risku stated there are always issues with electioneers and the 50-foot boundary, but those issues are typically handled by Precinct Officials and staff.

IX. Board Member Comments

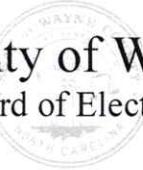
- a. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Artis, and Mr. Beard all thanked Mr. Hull for his service on the Board.

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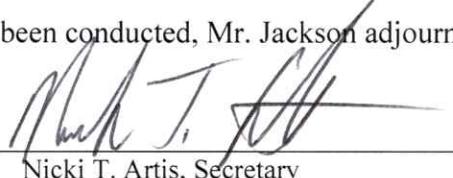
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X. Adjournment

a. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary