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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting May 17, 2022

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman
Nicki T. Artis, Member
Charles Wright, Member
Anne C. Risku, Director

Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary
Bridgette C. Cowan, Member
Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Edwards.

I. Approval of May 17, 2022 meeting agenda

- Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the May 17, 2022 meeting agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

II. Ms. Risku provided the Board with an Election Day update.

- As of 10:00 a.m. the Polling Places had processed 1,335 voters and 9 Provisionals.
- There was a brief printer issue with a default setting but it was resolved and all Polling Places opened at 6:30 a.m.
- Only one Precinct Official didn't show and there were no other issues.
- More turnout numbers will be available at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and after 7:30 p.m.

III. County Board challenge to ineligible absentee ballots

- One ineligible voter that voted Same Day. Michael Ray Godwin is ineligible as a felon and must be administratively challenged.
- Mr. Hull made a motion to challenge Mr. Godwin's eligibility to vote, Ms. Cowan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- Ms. Risku noted that Mr. Godwin will be notified via certified mail of the challenge.
- Ms. Cowan asked for an explanation of the process. Mr. Neal stated that evidence will be presented at the hearing and then turned over to the North Carolina State Board of Elections.
- Mr. Wright asked if the Board will receive updates on the case. Ms. Risku stated that the County Board is not always notified by the State Board of resolution of a referral but sometimes the local District Attorney will ask for more information.

IV. Absentee Ballots

- Tabulation: Ms. Risku closed the polls on the Absentee by Mail, Mt. Olive One Stop and Library One Stop tabulators.
- The Board signed the results tapes.

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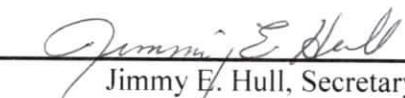
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At 2:30 p.m. Mr. Wright made a motion to recess the meeting until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Hull seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Board returned from recess at 3:00 p.m.

- The Board signed the *Absentee Abstract*.
- V. Ms. Risku provided the Board with an update.
- Mr. Rogerson has gathered enough signatures to appear on the November ballot as an Unaffiliated candidate for the district court seat he was recently appointed to.
- The Sample Audit Count will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022.

VI. Adjournment

- With all business having been conducted, Ms. Cowan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hull seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary