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Wayne County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

October 4, 2022

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman

Nicki T. Artis, Member

Charles Wright, Member

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Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary

Bridgette C. Cowan, Member

Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Edwards.

I. Approval of October 4, 2022 Meeting Agenda

- Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the October 4, 2022 meeting agenda. Ms. Cowan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

II. Approval of September 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Cowan made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. Director's Update: Ms. Risku updated the Board on the following items.

- **Absentee by Mail:** Today is the first Absentee Board Meeting of the cycle. There will be one each week until Election Day. So far about 800 ballots have been requested and about 100 have been returned.
- **Logic and Accuracy Testing:** Staff completed Logic and Accuracy testing and acceptance testing of the new ExpressVotes. Staff will participate in a Mock Election on October 6, 2022.
- **Precinct Official Training:** Staff will conduct 4 training sessions next week. Board Members are welcome to attend.
- **Early Voting begins October 20, 2022**
- A NC Judge denied a motion by the North Carolina Republican Party to require signature verification on Absentee Ballots. The rules for Absentee Ballots will continue as usual.
- Mr. Artis asked for an update on records Requests. Ms. Risku informed the Board that the volume has subsided but that staff is now receiving copy and pasted emails from individuals objecting to machines counting their ballots.

IV. Resolutions: Ms. Risku presented the Board with a resolution to *Begin Counting Absentee Ballots on November 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. and to Add Absentee Board Meeting on November 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.*

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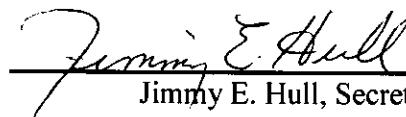
- Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

V. Absentee by Mail Ballot Applications

- Approval
 - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (94) Civilian – including (1) cured and (1) VIP – (4) Overseas, and (2) Military properly executed Absentee ballots.
 - Ms. Risku presented the Board with (25) Civilian improperly executed Absentee ballots.
 - Ms. Cowan made a motion to approve (100) properly executed Absentee ballots and to disapprove (25) improperly executed Absentee ballots. Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- Processing
 - Ms. Risku and Mr. Sullivan scanned the ballots into the DS450. The ballots were boxed and sealed by the Board.
- Reconciliation: The Board reviewed and signed the *Zero Tape*, the *Executed Absentee Ballot List, Cover Sheet List of Envelopes Acted Upon and Approved or Disapproved in Lieu of Signing Individual Envelopes*, and the *Absentee Processing Log*.

VI. Adjournment:

- With all business having been conducted, Ms. Cowan made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary