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# County of Wayne

## Board of Elections

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Anne C. Risku  
Director

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### Wayne County Board of Elections Absentee Board Meeting January 30, 2024

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman  
Jimmy E. Hull, Member  
Anne Risku, Director

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

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time and a quorum was present. Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**I. Approval of the January 30, 2024 Agenda**

1. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024, meeting agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**II. Approval of December 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

1. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**III. Director's Update**

1. Ms. Risku updated the Board on Election preparations, the upcoming NCSBE conference, absentee by mail, MAT visits, Photo ID events, and informed the Board that Wayne County had the first voter of the 2024 in the State of North Carolina.
2. Ms. Risku presented the Board with the Resolution to begin counting Absentee ballots at 2 p.m. on Election Day, March 5, 2024, and to add an absentee meeting on March 14, 2024, at 10 a.m. Mr. Hull made a motion to adopt the absentee resolution. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
3. Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with a recommended list of Early Voting officials for appointment. Mr. Artis made a motion to appoint the Early Voting officials as presented. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
4. Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with a resolution allowing Ms. Risku and Mr. Sullivan to fill precinct official vacancies as needed. Mr. Wright made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Hull seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**IV. Absentee by Mail Ballot Applications**

1. Approval: Ms. Risku presented the Board with (1) Military, (1) Overseas, and (4) Civilian absentee ballots. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the (6) properly executed absentee ballots and duplication of the (1) Overseas ballot. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
2. Processing: Ms. Risku scanned the ballots into the DS200.
3. 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*.

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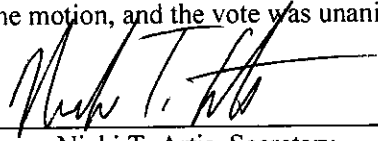
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### V. Adjournment

1. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hull seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The Board adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary