

Mecklenburg Board of Electors

September 13, 2022

Present were Jeanne M. Capello Chair, Robert P. Chadeayne Secretary, Yvonne Alexander, Jason Corwin Registrar. The guest: Wally Hudson, Republican Committee Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Capello at 1:04 PM. Mr. Corwin led us in a brief prayer.

The proposed agenda was agreed to without modification.

The minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting were approved, with a spelling correction, as presented.

Mr. Corwin reported that there are 700 voters on the permanent absentee voter mailing list and 35 voters have requested a ballot for 2022. All 735 ballots are ready to be mailed on September 22, 2022.

We have received the ten new tablets that were ordered and Demtech has updated all of our tablets, laptops, and Merlins with the latest approved software. One Merlin failed to update and was sent back to Demtech for repair. We fully anticipate the return of the unit well before the election. The board is requesting that it get a report from Demtech with the specific cause of the failure and the remedial actions taken to repair our Merlin.

Same Day Registration – being referred to as SDR by ELECT. Mr. Corwin indicated that he has been participating in training regarding appropriate implementation of SDR. The administrative process will be similar to the Provisional Ballot process currently used. In fact, it is being made a part of that process by ELECT. It is anticipated that any voter attempting to use this process will do so at the appropriate precinct for their particular home address. No voter will be allowed to demand to be registered in any precinct or demand any specific ballot style, if the voter does inappropriately demand to vote at that location or to use an inappropriate ballot style, the voter assumes the risk of forfeiting his/her voting opportunity. The Chiefs will be instructed to ascertain the proper precinct for the given address. The voter will then be directed to the correct precinct, if different, or given an application and a provisional envelope to fill out and then a provisional ballot and inner envelope. The application will then be inserted into the outer envelope along with the completed ballot sealed in the inner envelope and returned to the Chief. The entire package will then follow the standard process as any other provisional ballot.

The Registrar will then have to enter the application information into VERIS prior to 5:00 PM on November 11th. ELECT will then investigate the applicant's current and or prior registration history and submit a report of eligibility to vote of each applicant prior to the Electoral Board including or excluding the ballot information in the election results.

The last day to for normal registration to vote is October 19, 2022. Early in-person voting will begin on September 23, 2022 in the Registrar's office 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. This year, election results for the CAP will require reporting by position by precinct.

School Board District 6 – There is not an officially sanctioned candidate on the ballot. Therefore, any ballots cast for this position will be "write in" votes. There will be specific training for Officers of Election working precincts 601,602,603, and 604 to ensure proper handling of a potentially large number of "write in" ballots.

The training schedule has been prepared. Letters will go out shortly to all Officers of Election with their scheduled date. We will also remind OEs that training is a requirement and all must attend to qualify to work on election day.

Notices of polling location change has been sent to voters in precinct 702. In addition, as part of redistricting the county, ELECT will be sending notices to all voters within the county regarding any changes.

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Mr. Corwin advised that he has ordered all ballot styles required for the November election, some 23,700 ballots. He also advised that he is still getting FOIA requests. He also reviewed the Do's and Don'ts document prepared by ELECT.

Precinct 901 Polling Place relocation – the board reviewed several possible locations as candidates. After discussion the consensus of the board was to seek authority from the County Supervisors to approve the Wharton Baptist Church social hall as the preferred choice. A motion was made to refer the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to relocate precinct 901 as soon as possible to the Wharton Baptist Church Nelson, Virginia; pending acceptance by the church leaders. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary