

CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Date: July 22, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm

Meeting Place: Cabarrus County Board of Elections

Members Present: Jay White -----Chairman

Martin Ericson -----Secretary

Tyler Norris-----Member

Avis Edmond -----Member

Sophia Wilkerson ----Member

Also present: Carol Soles ----- Director

Wyatt Newsome -----Deputy Director

William Baggs-----Clerk of Court

Mandy Helms -----Clerk of Court's office

Johanna Bocko -----League of Women Voters

Rosa Culver-Sims -----Cabarrus County Democratic Party

Cheryl DeMaio -----League of Women Voters, Democracy NC

The Organizational meeting of the Board was called to order by the Chairman, Jay White.

Pursuant to North Carolina election laws, the main purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the newly appointed members of the Cabarrus County Board of Elections and issue the oath to the newly appointed Board. The five appointed 2023-2025 Board Members, Martin Ericson, Jay White, Sophia Wilkerson, Tyler Norris and Avis Edmond were duly sworn by William W. Baggs, Clerk of Superior Court.

Jay White, Chairman of the Board, asked for nominations for the Secretary. Wilkerson nominated Ericson as Board Secretary. The Board approved unanimously.

Edmond made a motion to approve the agenda. The Board approved unanimously.

Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2025 meeting. The Board approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ericson to approve the Director's duties as attached. The Board approved unanimously.

Wyatt Newsome gave the Board information regarding the last two Municipal Elections. Ericson made a motion to hold early voting in the BOE office only from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm during weekdays and on the last Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Board approved unanimously.

White made a motion to continue to hold monthly meetings the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 12:30 in the Board office if there was business to conduct and to adopt and publish the attached list of absentee meetings for the 2025 municipal election. The Board approved unanimously.

Wilkerson made a motion to move the polling place for precinct 07-00 from Northeast Fire Station to Bethlehem Church located at 3335 Bethlehem Church Rd., Gold Hill, NC and to allow them to be a no signs/no campaigning precinct per their request. The Board approved unanimously.

Soles provided the Board with a list of the proposed Chief Judges and Judges for appointment at the required August 22, meeting. We are waiting to hear from one Democratic Judge. All others are complete.

Soles informed the Board that there are 1034 voters between both of the Registration Repair lists. 645 active voters and 389 inactive voters.

Norris made a motion to temporarily transfer voters from 01-02 precinct. Currently 9 Midland voters will be transferred to Precinct 10-00 and 216 Harrisburg voters will be transferred to Precinct 01-04 just for the November 4, 2025 election. The Board approved unanimously.

Wilkerson made a motion to make a final recommendation to the Cabarrus County board of Commissioners to acquire the ES&S voting System 6.3.0.0.0 which is essentially an upgrade of the current voting system being used by Cabarrus County. A simulated election was successfully held on July 8, 2025. Soles will send those results to the State Board for their approval prior to bringing the resolution before the County commissioners.

Soles requested that any public records requests go through the JustFOIA portal on the county website. It is located on our webpage on the right hand side under related links. This way the requests are tracked.

Soles provided an agenda for the upcoming State Board conference in Wilmington which will be held from Sunday, July 27 through Tuesday, July 29.

Soles informed the Board of 3 memos and resolution that have come from the State Board. They are regarding municipal elections, military and overseas voting and same day registration.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Norris made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 pm. The Board approved unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 19, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Ericson, Secretary