

AGENDA

Catawba County Board of Elections Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 8:15 a.m.
Catawba County Government Center
1st Floor Conference Room
25 Government Drive, Newton, NC

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of the Minutes from the Board's Meeting on August 20, 2019.
3. Precinct Judges assignment changes.
4. Absentee Ballot Approval – Hickory Primary Election.
5. State Certification of the New Election Equipment.
6. Other Items of Business.
7. Adjournment.

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Minutes of meeting held on September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. All members and the Director were present. The minutes from August 20, 2019, were approved.

Kimberly Rochelle Walker, unaffiliated, was appointed Republican judge in precinct 14 to replace Karen Jackson, who resigned.

Janice Tillman resigned as Democratic judge in precinct 10. Aleasha Williams, unaffiliated, was moved to the Democratic judge position, and Dianne Vosburg Nichols, Republican, was appointed as Republican judge in that precinct.

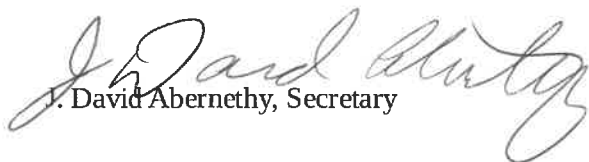
Eight absentee ballots have been mailed for the Hickory primary election, but none have yet been returned.

The State Board has finally approved several vendors to provide election equipment. The Director stated the county needs to purchase new ADA-compliant voting equipment to replace the Automark. The Director will seek clarification whether a new purchase must be from the same vendor as the vendor who provided the equipment the county has recently purchased, and provide a cost comparison sheet. An equipment demonstration is scheduled to be held on September 23 in Mecklenburg County.

The staff has identified four proposed precinct boundary changes to be considered along with the decennial precinct project. All boundaries must follow census block boundaries. The Director will email maps of the proposed boundaries and resulting precinct voter population changes to the members this week, to facilitate a decision at the board's next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 8:15 a.m. on September 24, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,


J. David Abernethy, Secretary