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Board Meeting Agenda

October 8, 2024 · 4:00 pm · Absentee Meeting

This meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Chambers of the David R. Sandifer Building, 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, NC, 28422.

Members of the public may observe the meeting in-person or via live video feed online using [Zoom](#). You will need to have Zoom installed on your computer or mobile device prior to joining the webinar; no registration or passcode is required.

- 1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Consideration of Absentee Ballots**
- 4. Adjourn**

The next meeting will be a regular and absentee meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the Commissioners Chambers of the David R. Sandifer Administration Building.

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Date 10/8/2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Commissioners' Chambers

Agenda Item: Consideration of Absentee Ballots

Summary:

There are 834 ballots being considered at today's meeting.

2 Ballots to be Considered Together¹

1 Accepted Cure and 1 Pending

- One civilian ballot is currently in **pending status** because it was discovered at the October 1 meeting that the CIV number on the ballot does not match the CIV number on the envelope.
- A second ballot issued to the same household was **pending cure** at the October 1 meeting, so it could not be considered in conjunction with the CIV mismatch.
- The pending cure ballot has now been cured and is recommended for approval.
- If the **pending cure** ballot is approved, once opened it should be reviewed for a CIV mismatch.
- If it has the CIV mismatch, then **both ballots** from the household should be approved.

745 Ballots recommended for approval – board to spot check²

- a. 697 Civilian
- b. 3 Military returned by mail
- c. 45 Affidavit Review Pending (returned with properly executed Photo ID Exception Form³)

88 Ballots requiring board review⁴

1. 39 Ballots recommended for **approval**
 - a. 7 Accepted Cure
 - b. 29 Overseas (received electronically, duplicated by bipartisan team prior to the meeting)

¹ Numbered Memo 2021-03 states that "If the two voters had their absentee ballots sent to the same address and there are no issues with the applications, then the county board should not spoil the ballots, because under those circumstances, each voter has properly attested to voting the ballot enclosed with their application."

²The Resolution to Delegate Administrative Duties Relating to Absentee Voting to the Director and Staff approved by the board on 10/17/23 states that "The board will not review individual ballot envelopes that have been recommended by staff for approval and will accept staff's recommendation for those ballot envelopes and photo ID documentation. The board will spot-check a minimum of two envelopes and accompanying photo ID documentation to ensure accuracy and consistency. The board reserves the right to review all ballot envelopes that have been recommended by staff for approval."

³ Per Numbered Memo 2020-25, these ballots should be approved by the board if the board does not unanimously conclude that the exception form is false.

⁴ Numbered Memo 2020-25 states "the board must individually review all ballot envelopes that: (1) have been recommended for disapproval by staff, (2) have a cure certification associated with that ballot envelope, or (3) where staff need further guidance from the board as to whether the envelope was properly executed or the photo ID documentation meets all legal requirements."

- c. 3 Military (received electronically, duplicated by bipartisan team prior to the meeting)
- 2. 25 Pending **board decision**
 - a. 25 Civilian ballots received in a sealed return envelope, but the ballot envelope was unsealed ⁵
- 3. 23 Recommended for **disapproval**⁶:
 - a. 22 Civilian ballot with incomplete witness information. Ballots have been spoiled and new ballots issued
 - b. 1 Civilian ballot with incomplete assistant information – the assistant did not sign. The ballot has been spoiled and a new ballot issued.

Information Only:

- 1. 29 Pending Cure

Absentee Seal Numbers and Ballot Counts

These numbers are logged on an audit sheet and signed by the board at each meeting.

Meeting	Absentee Bin Seals	vDrive Seals	Ballots Approved at Meeting	Ballots Scanned at Meeting	Total Ballots Scanned this Election <small>Recorded at end of meeting</small>
10/1/24	37471384 37471385	37471387	215	215	215
10/8/24					

⁵ Numbered Memo 2021-03 provides that when the ballot is inside the executed ballot envelope which is not sealed but the ballot envelope is received in a sealed return envelope, this anomaly is not a deficiency. Staff is instructed to re-seal the return envelope with a notation of “sealed in return envelope” and the county board should open the return envelope and address the ballot at its next absentee meeting.

⁶ Numbered Memo 2020-25 states “Whether the county board delegates the initial review of absentee envelopes to staff or chooses to have a bipartisan team of board members review envelopes during the meeting, all board members present at the meeting must approve or disapprove the ballots.”

The Resolution to Delegate Administrative Duties delegated the task of “Inspecting ballot envelopes and return envelopes for deficiencies and contacting voters as required by Numbered Memo 2021-03.”