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Board Meeting Agenda **November 15, 2024 · 11:00 am · Canvass**

This meeting will be held in the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, 25 Referendum Drive NE, Building N, 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. Hearing on early voting and absentee ballot challenges
4. Consideration and tabulation of supplemental absentee ballots
5. Consideration and Tabulation of Provisional Ballots
6. Retrieval of ballots cast by Same Day Registrants who failed mail verification
7. Removal of provisional ballot inserted into the tabulator on Election Day

Bipartisan teams will go through the relevant ballot bins for early voting, absentee, and election day to retrieve the ballots that should be removed from the totals.

8. Staff Report on sample audit count and voter history audit
9. Finalize results
10. Adjourn

Meeting	Ballot Bin Seals	vDrive Seal	Ballots Approved at Meeting	Ballots Scanned at Meeting	Total Ballots Tabulated During Pre-Canvass and Canvass
11/14/24 Pre-Canvass	Absentee 36069794 36069750	36069748	Absentee 212	Absentee 212	
	Provisional 36069747 36069749		Provisional 439	Provisional 439	
11/15/24 Canvass		<i>Not applicable</i>	Absentee	Absentee	
			Provisional	Provisional	

See the Election Results



Scan this QR code to view the election results. Once the results Have been finalized, the heading will read “11/05/2024 **OFFICIAL** GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS – BRUNSWICK”

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Agenda Item: Challenges to Absentee and Early Voting Ballots

Summary:

[Numbered Memo 2022-05](#) provides guidance for county boards to challenge ineligible absentee-by-mail and early voting ballots. The qualifications for all voters, including early and absentee voters, are judged as of Election Day.

What if a voter dies after voting absentee-by-mail or early voting but before Election Day?

- Prior to taking any action, obtain official confirmation of the death. Permissible sources include the DHHS List Maintenance Reports, death certificate from the local register of deeds, or a written, signed notification from a near relative.
- Follow the Process for Disapproving the Ballot Application (if applicable) and Challenging the Ballot above.
- Remove the voter pursuant to G.S. 163-82.14(b).

Voter Registration Denied

G.S. 163-82.7(g)(2) provides that when a voter verification mailing and second notice verification mailing are “returned as undeliverable after a person has already voted by absentee ballot, then that person's ballot may be challenged in accordance with G.S. 163-89.”

Attachment:

List of voter challenges

Board Action:

Conduct a hearing on the challenges. Vote to sustain or dismiss each challenge.

Early Voting and Absentee Ballot Challenges

Voter Last Name	Voter First, Middle Name	Absentee/Early Voting?	Early Voting Date	Absentee Meeting Date	Reason	Notes
BOZEMAN	CHARLES CHRISTOPHER	Early Voting	10/25/2024		Deceased	Died 10/26/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8
Briggs	William Robert	Absentee		10/22/2024	Deceased	Died 10/19/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/30
BROWN	LINDA GREGORY	Early Voting	10/28/2024		Deceased	Died 11/2/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8
BURNETT	PATRICIA A	Absentee		10/29/2024	Deceased	Died 10/25/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8
Canady	Gwen Skipper	Absentee		10/15/2024	Deceased	Died 10/17/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/23
Carter	Kelly Lynne	Absentee		11/4/2024	Registration Denied	Registered 10/3/24, 2 verification mailings returned undeliverable, registration denied.
CONNOLLY	AUDREY LYNNE	Absentee		10/15/2024	Deceased	Died 10/21/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8
CROMARTIE	CAROL SILVEY	Absentee		10/29/2024	Deceased	Died 11/3/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8/24
EIPPER	JOAN SUSAN	Absentee		10/29/2024	Deceased	Died 10/27/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8/24
Ferguson	Dennis Allan	Absentee		10/22/2024	Deceased	Died 10/15/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/23
FINCH	MILDRED ROBINSON	Absentee		11/4/2024	Deceased	Died 11/1/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8/24
FOSTER	PAUL LOWE	Absentee		10/22/2024	Deceased	Died 11/2/24, DHHS State matching List 11/8/24
Gambino	Linda Mae	Absentee		11/5/2024	Deceased	Died 10/6/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/16/24
Hunter	Cooper Michael	Absentee		11/4/2024	Removed - Registered Elsewhere	Voter registered in Mecklenburg County on October 11
KISCH	MARTHA ANNA	Absentee		11/4/2024	Deceased	Died 11/1/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8/24
KRONKOWSKI	ANDREW MICHAEL	Absentee		11/4/2024	Deceased	Died 10/29/24, DHHS State Matching List 11/8/24
Lanni, Jr	Robert Anthony	Early Voting	10/20/2024		Voted wrong record	Voter appeared to vote on Election Day. His record showed already voted. Signature on Early Voting application does not match his.
MANGIERI	JOSEPH THOMAS	Early Voting	10/19/2024		Deceased	Died 10/23/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/30
Maraglino	Thomas Francis	Absentee		11/4/2024	Registration Denied	Voter removed. Voter returned a confirmation card on October 3 indicating that his residential address was in Clinton, CT.
MCCLAIN	RUBY L	Absentee		10/29/2024	Deceased	Died 10/26/24, DHHS County List 11/8/24
Morris	Elizabeth Jane	Early Voting	10/26/2024		Voted wrong record	Voter appeared to vote on during early voting. Her record showed already voted. Signature on Early Voting application does not match her signature. There is another voter with the same first an last name that registered after the deadline, it is believed that this is the voter that appeared and voted ont his record.
Mulling	Caroline	Absentee		10/22/2024	Deceased	Died 10/23/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/30
Nail	Robert Earl	Absentee		10/8/2024	Deceased	Died 10/8/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/16
Raymond	Saudra Lee	Absentee		10/8/2024	Deceased	Died 10/10/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/23
Reed	Mary Lou	Absentee		10/1/2024	Deceased	Died 10/9/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/23
Schwarz	Carol Joan	Absentee		10/22/2024	Deceased	Died 10/20/24, DHHS State Matching List 10/30
ST HILAIRE	GERALD LEO	Early Voting	10/20/2024		Deceased	Died 10/26/24, DHHS County List 11/8/24
TALBOTT	JENNIFER	Early Voting	10/25/2024		Felony Conviction	Felony Conviction 11/4/24, DOC Felon State Matchingt List 11/12/24
Vogel	Colleen Ann	Absentee		10/29/2024	Registration Denied	Voter registered 10/2/22. Two address verification cards were returned undeliverable therefore the registration was denied.

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Agenda Item: Consideration of Absentee Ballots

Summary:

There are 7 ballots being considered at today's meeting.

6 Ballots Recommended for Approval - Board to Spot Check¹	
3	Overseas Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots - will be duplicated during board meeting
3	Military Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots - will be duplicated during board meeting

1 Ballots Requiring Board Review - Disapproval²	
1	Civilian received after deadline

¹The 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."

² 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."

2024 General Election

Provisional Ballots Summary

Remaining Pending to be considered 11.15.2024		
Vote Count	Provisional Voting Reason	# Ballots
APPROVED	ID Not Provided (No Exception Form)	1
	Properly Executed Photo ID Exception Form	1
	TOTAL APPROVED	2
NOT APPROVED	ID Not Provided (No Exception Form)	29
	Proof of Residency to Approve Same Day Registration	11
	Unsigned Photo ID Exception Form	1
	TOTAL NOT APPROVED	41
PENDING	Challenged Ballots	2
	TOTAL PENDING BOARD DECISION	2
TOTAL FOR CONSIDERATION 11.15.2024		45

Ballots Decided 11.14.2024		
Vote Count	Provisional Voting Reason	# Ballots
APPROVED	ID Not Provided (Exception Form Properly Executed, No finding of falsity)	72
	ID Not Provided (No Exception Form, Provided Acceptable Photo ID to BOE)	15
	Administrative/Poll Worker Error	21
	Incorrect Precinct	141
	No Record of Registration (Provisional Application resolved deficiency in existing incomplete application)	15
	Previously Removed	103
	Unreported Move	4
	Voter Already Voted (poll worker error, checked-in incorrect voter)	5
	Geocode Issue	10
	TOTAL (Fully) APPROVED	386
PARTIALS	Voted out of Precinct (Incorrect NC House District)	53
	TOTAL (Partial) APPROVED	53
NOT APPROVED	No Record of Registration	523
	Previously Removed	87
	Unreported Move	6
	Geocode Issue (Address does not exist)	3
	Voter Already Voted	1
	TOTAL NOT APPROVED	620

TOTAL PROVISIONALS CAST	1104
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Agenda Item: Same Day Registrations That Fail Address Verification

Summary: [2023-05 Same-Day Registration](#) outlines the process to provide a notice and cure option for voters who use same-day registration and later fail mail verification.

Initial Verification and Return

When a mail verification notice is sent to a same-day registrant and returned as undeliverable, the county staff initiates the cure process if returned before the close of business two days before canvass.

Notification to the Registrant

Within one business day of the undeliverable notice being returned, staff will:

- Send a "Notice to Verify Your Address" by **mail** and **email**.
- Call the registrant if a phone number is available.

Options for the Registrant to Verify Address

The registrant must verify their address by either:

- **Submitting a HAVA Document:** Provide a copy of a HAVA-compliant document to the county board by **5 p.m. on the day before the county canvass**.
- **In-Person Verification at Canvass:** If unable to provide an acceptable document by the deadline, the registrant may verify their address in person at the canvass meeting. At the meeting, the county board will:
 - Take the registrant's testimony under the first oath in G.S. 163-86(c)
 - Consider any documentation provided by the registrant.

Failure to Verify Address

If the registrant does not provide a current HAVA document matching their registration address by the deadline:

- The county board will not register the applicant.
- The applicant's ballot will be retrieved, and their votes will be removed from the official count.

Board Action: Authorize staff to retrieve ineligible ballots.

Same Day Registrations

Cured?	Last Name	First Middle	Date of Cure		
			letter	e-mail Date	Phone
	ALCANTAR	SEBASTIAN	11/4/2024		
	BASDEN	MACKENZIE NICOLE	11/4/2024	11/4/2024	11/4/2024
	BORTNICK	GARRETT ANTHONY	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	CALA	BRANDON ROBERT	11/12/2024		11/13/2024
yes	CAMPBELL	TYQUAN	11/12/2024	11/13/2024	11/13/2024
new mailing	DORSEY	CHERYL			
yes	DOZIER	HOLLY MARIE	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	
	DUKE	PRESELLA DANIELLE	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
yes	FENNELLY	BARBARA FINLEY	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	FREEMAN	MASON STORM	11/4/2024		
	FRENCH	DEBORAH DAVIES	11/12/2024		
	GOFF	NADIA KAY	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
new mailing	GRUDZINSKI	PAUL FREDERICK			
	HARDY	MARGARET FRANCES	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	HARDY	MARK	11/12/2024		
yes	HARRISON	DEVONNA YVETTE	11/4/2024	11/5/2024	11/5/2024
	HOOTEN	DORIS ANN	11/12/2024		
	HOOTEN	JOHNNY MARK	11/12/2024		
yes	HORTON	HALEY	10/28/2024	10/28/2024	10/28/2024
new mailing	JACQUOT	AMANDA LAUREN HANGIS			
	LEAT	MICHAEL BRIAN	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	MIDLES	MARIA IRENE	11/4/2024	11/4/2024	11/5/2024
	NEWTON	JOSHUA	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	OLSON	ANDREW J	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	PARRISH	JAMES LEWIS	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
	RHINEHARDT	PATRICIA HAYLEE	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
yes	SACKETT	MICHAEL KEAN	11/12/2024		11/13/2024
new mailing	SCHARNIKOW	SAVANNAH LEE			
	SUTTON	HUNTER REX	11/12/2024	11/13/2024	11/13/2024
	TERRY	BRANDON ELVIS	11/4/2024	11/4/2024	11/5/2024
	VALENTINE	JULIE JAMES	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	11/13/2024
new mailing	WHITE	EZRA			
	WOODS	SHERRILL BLAND	11/12/2024		

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Agenda Item: Retrieval and Correction of Provisional Curbside Ballot

Summary:

A provisional curbside ballot was mistakenly inserted into the tabulator by a poll worker at NB02.

Proposed Procedure:

1. **Verify Chain of Custody:** Confirm seal numbers on the ballot bin.
2. **Retrieve Ballot:** A bipartisan team will locate the provisional ballot within the ballot bin. Reseal the bin with new security seals once retrieval is complete.
3. **Tally and Adjust:** The bipartisan team will tally the provisional ballot. Any ineligible votes will be deducted from the appropriate precinct results using a manual adjustment.
4. **Document the Adjustment:** Two copies of the audit log reflecting this adjustment will be printed—one for attachment to the tally sheet and one for the official canvass report.

Board Decision Required:

Authorize the opening of the ballot bin to retrieve and adjust the provisional ballot.

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Agenda Item: Sample Audit Count and Voter History

Sample Audit Count:

The sample audit count, required by state law, helps ensure the reliability of election results tabulated by a machine. Bipartisan teams at each county board of elections conduct hand-to-eye counts of all ballots in two randomly selected precincts and compare the results with the results of the machine counts. The process verifies the accuracy of the machine counts.

Bipartisan teams did a hand to eye count of the Presidential contest in precinct WB03 Longwood and SB03 Mosquito 2 on November 8. The results matched the machine count.

Voter History Audit:

The voter history audit is an important process to ensure that a voter is recorded as casting a ballot in one of the four voting methods: absentee, early voting, election day, or provisionals. The best practice is to make sure that the voter history audit is reconciled and completed before county canvass.

Currently, voter history on paper appears to be off by 52. However, several processes remain to be finalized, including the removal of ballots cast by ineligible voters. Once these processes are completed today, it is expected that voter history will show three more ballots cast than recorded in voter history.

Voter History Summary as of November 14, 2024

Includes ballots approved at pre-canvass meeting on November 14.

Election Day by Precinct		Ballots Cast	Voter History	Difference
CB01	SUPPLY	258	258	0
CB02	SHALLOTTE	701	701	0
CB03	FRYING PAN	419	419	0
CB04	SECESSION 2	566	566	0
CB05	SECESSION 1	448	448	0
CB06	MOSQUITO 1	656	656	0
NB01	HOOD CREEK	465	465	0
NB02	LELAND *	977	976	1
NB03	TOWN CREEK	906	906	0
NB04	BELVILLE 2	627	627	0
NB05	WOODBURN	573	573	0
NB06	BRUNSWICK FOREST	375	375	0
NB07	BELVILLE 1	1,323	1,323	0
SB01	BOLIVIA	274	274	0
SB02	BOILING SRING LAKES	870	870	0
SB03	MOSQUITO 2	440	440	0
SB04	SOUTHPORT 1	393	393	0
SB05	SOUTHPORT 2	374	374	0
SB06	OAK ISLAND 3	427	427	0
SB07	OAK ISLAND 2	435	435	0
SB08	OAK ISLAND 1	232	232	0
WB01	WACCAMAW	498	498	0
WB02	HICKMAN'S CROSSROADS	520	520	0
WB03	LONGWOOD	274	274	0
WB04	SHINGLETREE 2	707	707	0
WB05	SHINGLETREE 1	277	277	0
WB06	GRISSETTOWN	613	613	0
Election Day Total		14,628	14,627	1

	Ballots Cast	Voter History	Difference
Early Voting **	87,774	87,741	33
Absentee by Mail ***	7,025	7,007	18
Provisional	439	439	0

	Ballots Cast	Voter History	Difference	Difference Post Canvass
Overall Total	109,866	109,814	52	3

* NB02 Leland: The election day results tape shows 977 ballots scanned.

On Election Day, a provisional curbside ballot was mistakenly placed into the tabulator, causing ballots cast to be one more than voter history. Once this ballot is removed during Canvass, the precinct will balance.

** Early Voting: There are a total of 33 more ballots cast than history.

There are 30 Early Voting ballots that will be removed during Canvass. Of these 30, 23 ballots are from same day registrants whose address could not be verified. 7 ballots are from people who have died since voting and before Election Day. That leaves a remainder of 3 ballots cast over voter history. It is most likely that history was not attached to 3 voters due to the vote button not being clicked in SOSA after their Early Voting Application was printed. 19 such instances were found.

*** Absentee by Mail: Ballots cast are 18 higher than voter history.

Currently the voter history for absentee by mail is 7007, while ballots cast is 7025. The difference is caused by voters that passed away before Election Day. Their ballots will be pulled and removed during Canvass, balancing this category.