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Meeting Minutes · Sample Audit Meeting · November 8, 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Edward E. Lewis, Member Randy Pelton, and Member Timothy M. Randall

Board Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere, Assistant Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton, Elections Computer Technician Butch Johnson, and Election Logistics Technician Ryan Childress

Bipartisan Sample Audit Members Present: Sandra Batson, Ron Curley, Spring Harkins, Julia Martinelli, Libby Mackey, Cindy Martishius, Peggy Verlangieri, and Carla Wisniewski

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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. The bipartisan teams tallied the ballots.

The two precincts selected to audit the Presidential Contest were WB03 Longwood and SB03 Mosquito 2.

The seal number was verified with the seal number that was logged on election night by poll workers. The sample audit produced results identical to the machine count results, as indicated below.

Ballot Summary

Longwood

Total Ballots: 274

Election night ballot bin seal: 36069753

Donald Trump	143
Kamala Harris	118
Cornel West	3
Randall Terry	2
Chase Oliver	1
Jill Stein	1
Undervotes	4
Overvotes	1
Write-InsTotal Ballots	1
TOTAL BALLOTS	274

Mosquito 2

Total Ballots: 440

Election night ballot bin seal: 36069732

Donald Trump	251
Kamala Harris	171
Cornel West	4
Randall Terry	3
Chase Oliver	2
Jill Stein	0
Undervotes	5
Overvotes	0
Write-InsTotal Ballots	4
TOTAL BALLOTS	440

Consideration of challenge to absentee ballot

[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).

There are 12 voters that are now deceased that cast either an absentee or early voting ballot. Ms. LaVere provided an updated list and challenge forms to the board.

Mr. Pelton made a motion to enter a challenge to be heard at canvass for 12 voters. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Photo ID Exception Forms

Following guidance in [Numbered Memo 2023-04](#), board members are to initially review ID Exception Forms, noting for staff your initial determination as to the truthfulness of the form.

Staff is not aware of any specific information that may lead you to conclude any of the forms are false.

Board members have been provided with copies of Photo ID Exception Forms for their review.

Adjourn

Mr. Pelton made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.