

# BRUNSWICK COUNTY

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### **Board Meeting Agenda**

#### **June 17, 2025 · 2:00 pm · Regular 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](#); no registration or passcode is required.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 20, 2025 – Regular Meeting
4. Public Comments
  - a. [Public Comment Policy](#)
  - b. [Online Public Comment Portal](#)
5. Director's Report
6. Unfinished Business
  - a. Managing voter growth – Randy Pelton
7. New Business
  - a. None
8. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes · Regular Meeting · May 20 · 2:00 p.m.

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**Board Members Present:** Chair Edward Lewis, Secretary Stuart Smith, Member Paula Clarity, and Member Randy Pelton

**Board Staff Present:** Director Sara LaVere, Deputy Director Melissa Chambers, Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton, and Election Logistics Technician Ryan Childress

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### **Meeting Opening**

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Clarity made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting on April 29, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Director's Report**

April voter registration statistics were provided in the agenda packet.

Legal updates were provided with information supplied by Paul Cox, General Counsel, North Carolina State Board of Elections:

### ***Griffin protest - conclusion***

- The state courts agreed with Griffin's protests on UOCAVA-photo ID and UOCAVA voters who have never lived in NC. Would require cure for photo ID and removing votes from UOCAVA who never lived in NC.
- The federal court disagreed, saying this violated the Constitution.
- In the end, the federal court agreed with the conclusion of the State Board in December: it violates due process to change the rules of an election after the election has taken place.

- Result: The election is certified and no cure process required. SBE is considering efforts to address registrations lacking SSN/DL.

### ***Future Actions as a Result of Litigation***

- Moving forward, UOCAVA voters are going to be required to show photo ID like other voters. Only applies to state contests.
  - If UOCAVA voter sends ballot back but doesn't cure photo ID - we would have to count federal contests.
- Regarding the "never resident" UOCAVA voters, the statute is invalid for state elections only. So, the "never resident" voters are eligible to register and vote in federal contests, not state and local.

### ***Board Appointment Litigation***

- Superior court held that the shift in appointments from Governor to Auditor violated the state constitution.
- The NC Court of Appeals has stayed (i.e., halted) that decision and let the law go forward.
- The Governor has appealed the stay to the Supreme Court of NC. No specific timeline for decision.
- Meanwhile, Auditor appointments have occurred at the State Board and will occur for CBE chairs on June 24.

### ***Board Appointments***

- For CBE appointments, the state parties are currently gathering nominations from county parties. The state parties send their nominations to SBE.
- Nominees must fill out an application form, so SBE can ensure they meet the qualifications.
- SBE will make appointments of the 4 regular CBE members (2 Ds and 2 Rs) on June 24, the same day the Auditor selects each CBE chair.

### ***State Board Members and Executive Director***

- On May 7, state board members were sworn in and elected a chair and secretary.
  - Francis X. De Luca (Rep) – Chair
  - Stacy "Four" Eggers IV (Rep) – Secretary
  - Robert Rucho (Rep)
  - Jeff Carmon (Dem)
  - Siobhan O'Duffy Millen (Dem)

- State Board appointed Sam Hayes as the state agency's executive director, beginning May 15.

### ***Same-day registration litigation***

- 2 cases were filed in federal court in late 2023 challenging SDR changes from SB 747: Voto Latino and DNC.
- The court issued a preliminary injunction, which led to the "cure" process in NM 2023-05 for undeliverable address verification mailings for SDR voters.
- SBE and the parties have settled those cases, requiring the process in that numbered memo to continue in effect.
- A separate case about these SDR changes, Democracy NC, is still proceeding.

Ms. LaVerre recognized Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton for 10 years of service to Brunswick County in her various positions with the Board of Elections. Her contributions and vast institutional knowledge of the elections process are invaluable to the team.

The entire staff was recognized in the County Safety, Health and Wellness Newsletter for their efforts with the April Health and Wellness Challenge – staff members logged walking a combined 430.486 miles.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

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

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### Agenda Item: Director's Report 6.17.25

#### Summary:

- This is our last meeting before new board members are appointed. Any business that must be taken care of by this board must be conducted before June 24. New board sworn in July 22 at noon.
- Municipal candidate filing July 7 at 8:30 am through July 18 at noon.

#### Attachments:

1. May voter registration statistics

## Brunswick County Voter Registration Statistics Monthly Report

	2025											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Total Registered Voters</b>	<b>136,908</b>	<b>137,034</b>	<b>137,451</b>	<b>137,894</b>	<b>138,433</b>							
Voters Removed	6,951	534	304	744	313							
New Registrations Processed	942	684	712	759	811							
Registrations Processed w/ No Changes	254	726	302	538	200							
Voter Registration Changes Processed	447	370	420	544	389							
<b>Total Monthly VR Transactions</b>	<b>8,594</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>1,713</b>							
Verifications Mailed Out	10,182	1,165	1,789	1,741	1,166							
NCOA Mailing	0	0	1,378	0	0							
Verifications returned undeliverable	9,351	511	44	1,025	20							
Voter Returned Confirmation Card Update	5	316	66	22	33							
Confirmations Mailed Out	9,234	535	119	102	944							
Democratic	27,065	27,006	27,028	27,093	27,100							
Republican	56,320	56,402	56,578	56,721	56,962							
Libertarian	692	687	683	687	691							
Green	35	34	34	34	34							
No Labels	329	336	335	332	328							
Constitution	4	5	5	5	5							
Justice For All	8	8	7	7	6							
We The People	14	16	16	16	16							
Unaffiliated	52,441	52,540	52,765	52,999	53,291							
Democratic	19.77%	19.71%	19.66%	19.65%	19.58%							
Republican	41.14%	41.16%	41.16%	41.13%	41.15%							
Libertarian	0.51%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%							
Green	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%							
No Labels	0.24%	0.25%	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%							
Constitution	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%							
Justice For All	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%							
We The People	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%							
Unaffiliated	38.30%	38.34%	38.39%	38.43%	38.50%							
Female	66,934	67,034	67,257	67,471	67,751							
Male	57,851	57,925	58,112	58,313	58,572							
Undesignated Gender	12,123	12,075	12,082	12,110	12,110							
American Indian	396	398	396	400	401							
Asian	568	572	576	585	604							
Black	8,896	8,918	8,926	8,957	8,979							
Multi-Racial	249	249	247	247	245							
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	12	12	13	14	14							
White	113,517	113,636	114,047	114,287	114,770							
Other Race	2,563	2,598	2,629	2,662	2,692							
Undesignated Race	10,707	10,651	10,617	10,742	10,728							
Hispanic	2,380	2,407	2,435	2,452	2,472							
Not Hispanic	73,723	73,683	73,823	73,903	74,101							
Undesignated	60,805	60,944	61,193	61,539	61,860							