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Board Meeting Agenda **November 3, 2025 · 4:00 pm · Absentee Meeting**

This meeting will be held in the Board of Elections Office, 75 Stamp Act Drive NE, Building H, Bolivia, NC, 28422.

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

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Agenda Item: Consideration of Absentee Ballots

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 Recorded at end of meeting
10/7/25	5723159 5723160	37471330	2	2	2
10/14/25	5723151 5723152	37471329	13	13	15
10/21/25	5723154 5723153	37471328	61	61	76
10/28/25	5723106 5723105	37471327	92	92	168
11/3/25					

Summary:

There are 181 ballots being considered at today's meeting.

Information Only:

4 Pending Cure

171	Ballots Recommended for Approval - Board to Spot Check¹
155	Civilian
6	Overseas returned by mail or will be duplicated during board meeting
10	Accepted – Exception (returned with properly executed Photo ID Exception Form) ²
3	Ballots Requiring Board Review - Approval³
3	Accepted Cure
7	Ballots Requiring Board Review - Pending Board Decision
4	Civilian ballots received in a sealed return envelope, but the ballot envelope was unsealed ⁴
3	Civilian ballots; voter reports envelopes were sealed shut when they attempted to put ballot inside, they opened them, inserted ballot and taped envelopes shut ⁵

¹The Resolution to Delegate Administrative Duties Relating to Absentee Voting to the Director and Staff approved by the board on 10/7/25 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 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.

³ Per [Numbered Memo 2020-25](#), 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.

⁴ [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.

⁵ [Numbered Memo 2021-03](#) states that when the “Ballot is inside the ballot envelope, which is not sealed or which appears to have been opened and re-sealed, and the ballot envelope is received in a return envelope which is not sealed or which appears to have been opened and re-sealed.”, this is a deficiency that requires the ballot to be spoiled. Upon seeking guidance from the State Board of Elections, on October 29, 2025 the Absentee Voting Program Specialist stated that “Your Board is the ultimate authority and decision maker on absentee ballots. In situations where the envelopes got wet and sealed due to weather, if the voter contacted your office and you are not able to resend a ballot due to time restraints, you can ask the voter to seal both envelopes with tape and initial the tape, so the voter verified that it was indeed their ballot and they sealed it with tape.”