

Davie County Board of Elections

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Present: Gary LeBlanc, chair, Faye Carter, secretary, Rob Raisbeck, Luther Potts, Carole Demmy, Melissa Parker, Executive Director

Guest: Sheriff J. D. Hartman

Visitors: Linda and Glenn Mason, Dr. Erma Jefferies

Gary introduced Sheriff Hartman, who proceeded to give an overview of procedures for election safety.

- Patrol officers will drive by polling sites but will not be an on-site physical presence. Uniformed officers will respond only if called. State protocols will be followed at all Early Voting and Election Day sites.
- Relative to permission for concealed and open carry, it's up to the facility to make that determination.
- Most officers have had extensive training in how to defuse a situation.
- When asked if there were something the Board could do to facilitate voter understanding, Sheriff Hartman suggested posting on the BOE website an explanation of how the process works.
- The Chief Judges at the polling sites have jurisdiction as to whether a person should be asked to leave.

**Motion: to appoint Marili Alvarado Deputy Judge at the Shady Grove polling site. Faye/Luther.
Approved.**

**Motion: to appoint Ginger Broadway Chief Judge at the Cooleemee polling site. Carole/Rob.
Approved.**

MAT – Multipartisan Assistance Teams have been appointed, including Debra Jones and Dolores Hendrix. They will visit senior residences and provide voter registration and fulfill absentee ballot requests.

Absentee Ballots can be mailed out starting this Friday, September 9, 2022. Date for return of Absentee Ballots has been extended because the original date is a holiday.

Discussion of the resolution to be sent to four local governmental boards was held. It was decided that the resolution would not be sent at this time. Information will be shared as needed at County Republican and Democrat monthly meetings.

State BOE conference held last week was determined to be one of the best informationally. A card was created with information about de-escalating situations and was distributed to the Board. This card will be given to folks being trained to work at the polls.

The use of BOE restrooms by DMV customers was discussed. It was decided that BOE staff would let folks know that they can use the restrooms in the Brock gym. Also we are encouraged to write our opinions on the <https://www.ncdot.gov> web site.

Request for Public Records: We need to respond to each request politely so that the sender understands that we don't have the staff to do this to the extent that they request. They are welcome to come in to make the copies themselves. The State has given little guidance on this issue.

Motion to approve August 1, 2022, minutes: Rob/Luther. Approved.

Motion to approve August 3, 2022, minutes: Rob/Faye. Approved.

Cindy Kirkus will start work on September 12, but won't be in the office until the 13th, because she will be doing a County municipal tour.

Gary and Melissa have both met with the new County Manager, Brian Barnett.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carole Demmy, on behalf of the Board secretary