



# McDowell County Board of Elections




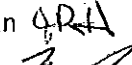

## OFFICERS

Dean Buff, Chair  
Jimmie Hachadurian, Secretary  
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

## MEMBERS

Dean Buff  
Jimmie Hachadurian  
Tom Cline  
Della Watson  
Michelle Price

The McDowell County Board of Elections met Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for an absentee board meeting.

Members Present: Dean Buff   
Tom Cline   
Della Watson   
JR Hachadurian   
Michelle Price   
Kim Welborn, Director  
Jane Dale Propst, Deputy Director

Observers present: Melody Pajek; Ken Michael; Bill Bach; Chet Effler; David Patneade; Robert Frazier

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 16, 2020 were presented. Discussion of previous minutes concerning Corey Mackinnon, Republican Party Chair being on the 2020 General Election ballot, and submission of MAT team members, precinct officials, and observers. Confirmation from the NC State Board of Elections states that if 2/3 vote of the Republican Party Executive Committee approve of candidate remaining as Chair then this meets requirements. Chet Effler member of the party confirmed that the 2/3 vote was conducted. Della Watson motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.

## Old Business:

## New Business:

- 1) Memo 2020-22 – deadline for postmarked absentee ballots extended to November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Memo 2020-23 – in-person return of absentee ballots. Memo 2020-19 – revised- cure letters and deficiencies  
Supplemental absentee board meeting will need to be changed to Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. to meet after the extended deadline for absentee ballots.
- 2) The ballots from the three previous absentee board meetings were placed in ballot bags and sealed.
- 3) 369 civilian absentees were presented to count. 7 additional Military and Overseas ballots were presented. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
- 4) Michelle Price motioned to take a short break, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.



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- 5) Civilian applications 3100 to 3262; Military 26-43; OVR-35; One-stop 1-4163 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Michelle Price. The motion carried.
- 6) 9 ballots had to be duplicated due to not being accepted in the tabulator. Those were placed in the tabulator.
- 7) 27 cure letters have been received. These ballots were examined by the board. Michelle Price motioned to approve and place in tabulator, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
- 8) A 5-minute time limit for questions will be given before adjournment. Observer, Ken Michael asked questions concerning the process and specific number of cures sent, spoiled ballots, etc.
- 9) Michelle Price motioned to have staff date stamp every absentee ballot envelope that is brought in. Staff explained the process of all ballots being brought in to one-stop sites, to the office, and through the mail. No one seconded the motion.
- 10) Michelle Price motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
- 11) The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Welborn, Director

October 20, 2020