



# McDowell County Board of Elections

Dean Buff, Chairman  
JR Hachadurian, Secretary  
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

## MEMBERS

Dean Buff  
JR Hachadurian  
Tom Cline  
Kay House  
Della Watson

**Meeting Date:** Monday, May 16, 2022

**Board Members Present:**  
Dean Buff *DB*  
Tom Cline *TC*  
JR Hachadurian *JRH*  
Kay House *KH*  
Della Watson *DW*

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Kim Welborn, Director  
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

**Public Attendees:**

## Opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 10, 2022 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## Old Business

## New Business

- Absentee ballot applications Civ. 72-, and One-stop 837-1804 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. 23 absentee ballots were presented. (See attached list) JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. 1804 voted during the one-stop voting period.
- Petition signature issues were presented from the Randy Branton for Sheriff campaign. The email from the NC State Board of Elections investigation team was discussed. A sampling from the signatures that were questionable was examined by the state and is being sent back to the board for approval with the matter being closed by the state. Della Watson motioned to not submit the sheets to the state for investigation, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. As of Friday, May 13 Mr. Branton lacked one signature to reach the required number. Additional signature sheets were turned in this morning.
- Voting equipment delivery will take place this afternoon. One chief judge called and has covid, one chief has stated that he has moved out of the county, so different pollworkers have been moved around to cover the positions.

General Discussion

Public Comments

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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