



# McDowell County Board of Elections

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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRH*  
Kay House *KBH*  
Della Watson

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Cline *TC*

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

**Public Attendees:** Barbara Hilty  
Suzanne Fisher  
Marty & Susan Elliott

## Opening

Quorum is present.

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, February 6, 2024 were presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

## Old Business

## New Business

1. The Civilian Requests 57-88; were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.  
One civilian ballot was received. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
2. An updated pollworker list was presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. Kay House states that several precincts still need more balance and voted no. The motion carried 3-1.
3. One additional student election assistant application was presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

4. The NC State Board of Elections will conduct a Voter ID seminar in the office on March 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Flyers are being distributed, notifications on website, social media, and the county videographer will be here to video the session and place on the county government channel.
5. The Unaffiliated petition (Beth Silver for Board of Education) only needs 43 more signatures. The total necessary is 1191 and she has 1148. Jeff Dreibus is no longer working on petition for county commissioner.
6. The previously scheduled board meeting on February 29 is cancelled due to observer lists can be turned in 24 hours prior to serving, therefore no board meeting is required. The Election Day meetings will change with tabulation of early voting at 7:30 p.m. More information forthcoming on when the tabulation of absentee by mail can occur.
7. After the March 5, 2024 election the staff will visit the North Cove precinct to make a possible change within the fire department of where the voting enclosure will be due to recent remodeling at the Ashford North Cove Fire Department. The new Sugar Hill Fire Department is now being used. The staff will visit the Montford Cove precinct on Wednesday, February 14 to make sure the old Sugar Hill Fire Department is in working order for the March 5, 2024 Primary. In addition, the staff would like to move the Higgins precinct after the Primary to the McDowell Technical Community College training facility due to the Highway Patrol Station being such a small facility with the addition of more pollworkers, and the change in observer laws.
8. The Resolution of Delegation of Absentee Preparatory Duties was presented. This will allow staff to contact voters with deficiencies with the absentee envelopes, etc. This is voted on for every election. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried 4-0.

#### General Discussion

#### Public Comments

None

The next meeting will be held February 20 at 9:00 a.m.

#### Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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