



# McDowell County Board of Elections

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JR Hachadurian, Secretary  
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

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**Meeting Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRN*  
Kay House *KH*  
Tom Cline *TC*  
Della Watson

**Board Members Absent:**

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

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

## **Opening**

Quorum is present.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 12, 2024 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

1. No additional Supplemental Absentee Ballots were presented.
2. One additional Provisional was presented that was returned with voter ID before the deadline. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. The ballot was placed in tabulator and added to the Provisional totals.
3. Canvass of the March 5, 2024 was discussed. All tabulator tapes and voter history has been audited and balanced perfectly. Kay House motioned to approve the Canvass results, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

5. An updated ballot duplication resolution was presented to include if any ballots need to be duplicated at the polling place with discussion. Kay House motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
6. The temporary transfer of precincts for the Second Primary was approved by the NC State Board of Elections Executive Director. Letters will be sent to every voter affected, advertisements for this change on website, social media, etc.
7. The absentee resolution to count absentee by mail at 2:00 p.m. on Second Primary Election Day, May 14, 2024 was presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
8. Calendars for the upcoming second primary board meeting dates was distributed and a list of the precinct's combinations.
9. Overtime for the staff leading up to the second primary and then through canvass was discussed. Tom Cline motioned to approve the over time necessary, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### General Discussion

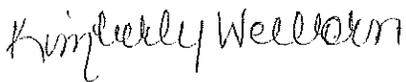
### Public Comments

Suzanne Fisher

### Adjournment

JR Hachadurian motioned to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

March 18, 2024