



# McDowell County Board of Elections

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

**MEMBERS**  
Dean Buff  
JR Hachadurian  
Tom Cline  
Kay House  
Della Watson

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

**Board Members Present:**

Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRN*  
Della Watson *DW*  
Kay House *KH*  
Tom Cline *TC*

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Kim Welborn, Director  
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

**Public Attendees:**

Barbara Hilty  
Mark Fisher  
Suzanne Fisher  
Joan Messner  
Elizabeth Gibbs

**Opening**

Quorum is present.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 14, 2024 was presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Supplemental ballots one military received before the deadline, and one voter that returned their ballot in Wake County on November 1 was tabulated. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2. A challenge hearing will be conducted for the ballots of four felons and 3 deceased voters. Director explained the Challenge process. No challenged voters were present for the meeting. The state list as evidence was presented for the felons, and the death certificate, obituaries, state list was presented for deceased voters. Kay House motioned to remove the ballots for these 3 deceased voters, seconded by Della Watson. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. Kay House motioned to remove the ballots for 4 felons, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. 19 early voting same day registrants that failed mail verification and did not bring in further documentation before the canvass deadline were also removed. The manual edits will be completed in Electionware.
3. Kay House motioned to approve the canvass of the November 5, 2024 General Election, seconded by Della Watson. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

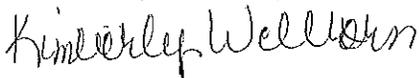
### General Discussion

### Public Comments

### Adjournment

JR Hachadurian motioned to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

November 18, 2024