



**ORANGE COUNTY**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Orange County Board of Elections  
Friday, March 13, 2020 – 11 AM

Present: Jamie Cox, Chair; Shawnee Seese, Secretary; Clare Brennan; Elvira Mebane; Jason Roberts; and Rachel Raper, Director

**Call to order:**

Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment:**

Chair Cox opened the floor to allow public comment. There was no one present to address the Board.

**Approval of Board Minutes:**

Ms. Mebane moved and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion to approve the February 11, February 18, February 20, February 25, and March 3, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report on the March 3, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election:**

Voter turnout was the second highest in North Carolina at 45.26% with 50,036 ballots cast out of 110,543 voters registered. Voter history and total ballots cast count did not match in several precincts for reasons such as provisional ballots being tabulated, voters being allowed an additional opportunity to vote after tabulating a blank ballot, and voters fleeing without tabulating ballots.

**Board Discussions:**

The heavy voter turnout on Election Day emphasized the importance of schools serving as voting locations to be closed on Election Day. Director Raper will work with the superintendent offices of both school systems to better address the parking and facility needs for voting locations at schools.

The Board discussed parking concerns at the new Rogers Eubanks and UNC precincts. Director Raper will contact facility and parking managers to address concerns and find solutions for better parking.

Director Raper will provide additional voting location details on the website to help voters navigate their polling place on Election Day.

Director Raper provided a detailed reconciliation process report for early voting and Election Day voting locations.

The West Hillsborough precinct closed the polls at 7:30 pm while three voters were voting. In the presence of the Board, the three ballots were unsealed, tabulated, and results added to Election Day totals.

The Board set the recount for the Orange County Board of Commissioners District 1 race requested by Penny Rich for 9 am on March 19, 2020.

**Board Actions:**

The Board reviewed and approved the canvass reports as submitted by the director. The Board signed the official abstracts that shall be filed with the State Board of Elections, the Clerk of Court, and Orange County Board of Elections.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Seese seconded the motion the Board adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: TBD**