



**ORANGE COUNTY**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Agenda  
Orange County Board of Elections  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 4:30 PM

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**

Signed up to address the Board: Pam Scwingl, Sonna Loewenthal, Johan Garson, Marilyn Carter, Michael Fath Diane Robinson, Miriam Rabkin, Bobbi Hapgood, Artie Dixon, Maureen Corbett, and Ken Woods.

Participants addressed the Board throughout the meeting.

**Approval of Board Minutes:**

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Seese seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted for meetings held on March 12, 2020 at 3:30 pm, March 12, 2020 at 4:30 pm, and March 13, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:**

Director Raper provided:

- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Voter Registration Statistical Report

**Year-to-Date Budget Report:**

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

**Voter Registration Statistical Report:**

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 110,557 registered voters. Registered voters increased by 890 since February 11, 2020.

**Board Discussion:**

Director Raper provided the Board a report on Election Day and early voting locations.

Voting locations having larger, available spaces to use on-site allowing for social distancing:

- Carrboro precinct – Recommendation is to move to the auditorium, cafeteria, or gym from a conference room.
- Colonial Heights – Recommendation is to move to the auditorium, cafeteria, or gym from the UNC Center for Education Excellence.
- Dogwood Acres – Recommendation is to move to the auditorium, cafeteria, or gym from the lobby area.
- Damascus – Recommendation is to move to the auditorium, cafeteria, or gym from the library area.

Emailed correspondence to Director Raper, and forwarded to Board, from Democratic precinct leadership teams expressing voting location concerns at the:

- Rogers Eubanks precinct – Director Raper discussed plans to alleviate parking and voter access to the Animal Services community meeting room.
- UNC precinct – Director Raper discussed plans to alleviate parking and voter access to the Stone Center.

Of particular concern to Director Raper due to a larger space not being available on-site:

- Early voting location at the BOE office – Recommendation is to move to Orange Works at DSS facility on 113 Mayo St, Hillsborough to provide ample room for social distancing and allow the BOE office room to process the expected massive increase in absentee voting by mail.
- Eastside precinct – The American Legion building has been deemed unusable by the Town of Chapel Hill. Recommendation to move to Ephesus Elementary School as the facility is able to provide the necessary space for socially distanced voting.
- Lion’s Club precinct – This voting location is in the lobby of a senior living apartment complex. Due to COVID-19 considerations, the recommendation is to merge the precinct with Owasa in the Owasa community meeting room.
  - Concern was expressed by the Board about the space in the Owasa community room and its ability to handle the increase of Lion’s Club voters. Director Raper will research further to provide additional recommendations of viable voting locations.
- Weaver Dairy precinct – Recommendation to move to Orange United Methodist Church as the facility is able to provide the necessary space for socially distanced voting.
  - Preference for the Seymour Senior Center serving as an Election Day voting location was expressed by the Board. Director Raper will follow up with the department on aging.

**Adjournment:**

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

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: July 21, 2020 at 4:30 pm**