



**ORANGE COUNTY**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Orange County Board of Elections  
Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – 5 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:**

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

**Approval of Board Minutes:**

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Seese seconded the motion to approve the November 12, November 13, and November 20, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:**

Director Raper provided:

- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Possible Change to Election Schedule Report
- Voting Location 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.

The director discussed possible uses for remaining funds from CARES Act, HAVA, and CTCL grants. The director recommended using the bulk of remaining grant funds to purchase a DS850 high-speed tabulator and to provide hazard pay to full-time staff and the Board.

The director presented a breakdown of requested funds for the 2021 – 22 fiscal year budget. Funds are requested to conduct the November 2, 2021 Municipal and Chapel Hill – Carrboro City School Board Election, the March 8, 2022 Primary and Orange County Board of Education Election and the possible May 3 OR May 17 Second Primary and/or Orange County Board of Education Runoff Election.

**Voter Registration Statistical Report:**

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 104,637 registered voters. Registered voters decreased by 24 since statistics were circulated via email January 8, 2021. Director Raper discussed the National Change of Address and biennial list maintenance processes the office was currently conducting.

Director Raper reported to the Board the failing of both the Constitution and Green parties to meet the requirements to remain valid political parties in North Carolina. The State Board of Elections has granted both parties until June 12, 2021 to circulate petitions to remain valid political parties.

**Possible Change to Election Schedule Report**

Director Raper reported to the Board the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, Karen Brinson Bell, had formally requested a change in the elections schedule in her report to the NC General Assembly. This recommended change is due to delayed census data affecting redistricting. The recommendation is to delay all elections until May 3,

2022 with any needed second primaries/runoffs being held July 12, 2022. Any change to the election schedule must be approved by the General Assembly.

**Voting Location Report**

Director Raper gave an overview of the voting locations moved for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election due to COVID or other factors for consideration of the Board. No action will be taken until the election schedule is finalized.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Mebane moved and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 5 PM**