

# Cumberland County Board of Elections

## Monthly Board Meeting

### Nov 10, 2025

The Monthly Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Devore at 9:30 AM.

Members in attendance: Devore, Eldridge, Grimes, Johnson, (Edmonds was absent)

Others in attendance: Director of Elections Angie Amaro and members of the public

**ACTION:** Member Grimes moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Eldridge and approved unanimously.

#### Public Comments:

Dr. Lynndora Thompson, the regional organizer for SE Democracy North Carolina. She spoke of low voter turnout and promotes voter accessibility and removing voting barriers.

Charles Evans spoke of support for fairness for early voting sites and to include as many early voting sites as possible.

Kia Anthony, Mayor of Spring Lake, spoke of support of an early voting site at the Spring Lake Rec Center.

Regina Thompson spoke of support of an early voting site at the Spring Lake Rec Center.

Chair Devore opened up the discussion with thanking all of the public speakers today and to address their questions.

**ACTION:** Member Johnson made the motion to accept the meeting minutes for dates Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 meetings on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Devore and approved unanimously.

Board members next discussed the early voting proposals for March 2026 primary. Chair Devore spoke of the historical voting patterns of the early voting sites for the past primary elections. The predictable reliable voters affect the turnout in the primary versus the turnout in the general elections. The cost for each early voting site is approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 per Director Amaro based on location needs and staffing costs. Devore presented a map of past early voting locations. Director Amaro reported that up to 7 early voting sites are in the budget. Member Grimes spoke in favor of adding the Spring Lake Rec Center. Member Johnson spoke of his concern about the additional cost to add an 8<sup>th</sup> early voting site.

The Director's recommendation for the proposed early voting sites are the following 7 sites: Cliffdale Rec Center, College Lakes Rec Center, Kiwanis Rec Center, Stoney Point Rec Center, East Regional Library, JD Pone Rec Center, and Smith Rec Center. First and last Saturdays 8:00-3:00 and first Sunday 2:00-5:00.

Chair Devore recommended the Director's proposal be approved.

Member Grimes presented options that would exclude Kiwanis Rec Center, and include Spring Lake Rec Center; first and last Saturdays 8:00-3:00, and the first Sunday 2:00-5:00.

**ACTION:** Member Johnson made a motion to accept the Director's recommendation of the proposed early voting sites that include first and last Saturdays from 8am to 3pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from 2pm to 5pm. The motion was seconded by Member Eldridge and the vote was 3-1 with Member Grimes against.

**ACTION:** Member Grimes moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13am. Seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously.

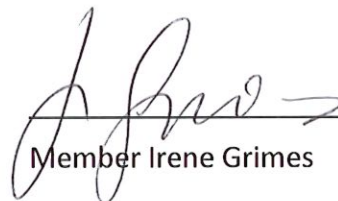
Respectfully submitted,



Brenda M Eldridge  
Secretary



Chair Linda Devore



Member Irene Grimes



Member Ryan Johnson

Member Derek Edmonds