

Cumberland County Board of Elections
Monthly Board Meeting
Sept 9, 2025

The Invocation was offered by Chair Linda Devore.

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

Members in attendance: Devore, Edmonds, Eldridge, Grimes, Johnson

Others in attendance: Director of Elections Angie Amaro, Staff Member Shameerah Dixon, and members of the public

ACTION: Member Eldridge made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of discussion of Memo #2025-02 (Provisional Voting for Registration Repair Voters) as item #9 and approval of absentee moved to item #10. Seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously.

Public: Lynnette Thompson spoke of support for fair and transparent elections and to ensure all qualified voters in Cumberland County have access to the ballot without unnecessary barriers.

ACTION: Member Grimes made the motion to approve the minutes for Aug 12th and Aug 19th regular meetings. The motion was seconded by Member Edmonds and approved unanimously.

ACTION: Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes for Aug 12th challenge hearing. The motion was seconded by Chair Devore and was approved 4-0-1 with Member Grimes abstaining.

New Business

Chair Devore opens up the discussion for this election cycle's duplication plan. The board members discussed past duplication plans and this cycle's proposed plan. There were discussions of past duplication teams, their roles, and the past performances evaluated. There was discussion of how new members would benefit being part of the process.

ACTION: Member Eldridge made a motion to accept the duplication plan as presented by the Chair. (Seconded by Johnson). Vote was 3-2 with Grimes and Edmonds voting against.

Chair Devore opened up discussion of the "Memorandum of Understanding" specifically paragraph two; in effect for over 25 years, that allows County HR to take care of the compensation and benefits of BOE employees. The members discussed the county's ability to retain valued employees and recruitment of new employees with salary and job assignments with competitive employment packages.

ACTION: Member Grimes made the motion to give written notice to the county for modification of the Memorandum of Understanding with regard to BOE personnel salaries and benefits. Seconded by Eldridge and approved unanimously.

Director Amaro presented the director's report. It covered the withdrawal of three candidates which included Enrique Murillow, Khalil Younger, and Robert Poole and the deadline for approval of ballots for the primary. The director also presented the budget for the City of Fayetteville early voting for 2023 totaling \$267,995.96 with further breakdown discussed between primary, election day, and personnel costs.

ACTION: Member Johson made a motion to go into closed session for discussion of personnel matters at 10:15AM.
(Seconded by Eldridge) Vote was 3-2 with Grimes and Edmonds voting against.

Board returned to open meeting at 12:47PM.

Shameerah Dixon presented the breakdown of absentee ballots to include: one military ballot, one military ballot with photo exception, and one overseas ballot. These three ballots were all electronic.

ACTION: Member Grimes made a motion to approve three absentee ballots presented by staff, including the military ballot with the exception form. Seconded by Eldridge and approved unanimously.

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Chair Devore gave an update on the Registration Repair Project and two memos that have been approved #2025-2 and #2025-3 (effective Jan 1st).

ACTION: Member Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Edmonds and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02PM

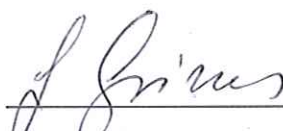
Respectfully submitted,



Brenda M Eldridge
Secretary



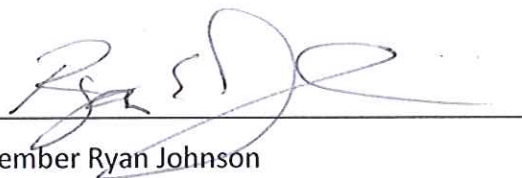
Chair Linda Devore



Member Irene Grimes



Member Derek Edmonds



Member Ryan Johnson