

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

John Adams, Chair Teddi Benson, Secretary Kelsey Brown, Member Debbie Burris, Member Dree Wynkoop, Member

PROVISIONAL BOARD MINUTES Thursday, November 6, 2025 8:00AM

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met on November 6, 2025, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy, NC for the Provisional Meeting. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Kelsey Brown, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop were present. BOE staff, Director Kimberly Walter and Deputy Director Donna Moore were present.

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 8:01AM.

The Board Meeting Agenda was presented. Member Benson made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

Deputy Director Moore advised that November 4, 2025, Absentee Board meeting minutes will be available for Members to review on Friday.

Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Board Review of Provisional Ballots

Director Walter provided Chair Adams with two provisional ballots cast in the Biscoe Precinct. She noted that there was a question as to whether these voters resided within the town limits of Biscoe. However, during the provisional research process, it was determined that both voters reside within the Biscoe town limits. She provided maps of the Biscoe municipality confirming they were within the jurisdiction and were eligible to vote during this municipal election. The Board determined that these provisional ballots are to be accepted.

Director Walter provided Chair Adams with four provisional ballots cast in the Mt. Gilead Precinct. She noted that two were jurisdictional problems and two were registration issues. After reviewing the provisional applications and research information provided, the Board determined that two ballots were cast by voters who resided outside the Mt. Gilead municipality and that they were not eligible to vote during this municipal election. The Board determined that one ballot was cast by an individual who was not registered and had not made an effort to register to vote prior to the October 10, 2025 registration deadline. The Board rejected these three provisional ballots. Regarding the fourth provisional application, Deputy Director Moore explained that the provisional ballot was cast by an individual who was originally registered, but because of an administrative error, his information in the record was replaced with information for another person, his son. The voter came into the precinct with his original voter registration card which included his information and an assigned Voter Registration Number (VRN). However, when the Precinct Official (PO) checked him in to vote, they found that the first, middle and last names on the voter record were the same name but the suffix was different. The

person standing before them was "Sr" and the voter record in the computer was for "Jr". The PO called the BOE office and the BOE staff saw the same information. Staff suggested that he be offered the opportunity to cast a provisional ballot which he did. During the provisional research process, it was determined that the person was the original voter who registered to vote in 2016 and who had been issued the voter registration card with the VRN he provided to the PO. However, in 2024, his son registered to vote and when his voter registration application was processed, BOE staff erroneously added his voter registration application to the father's existing, active voter record. The son's information (i.e., name, dob, dl, and ssn) replaced existing voter's information. She provided the Board with copies of all the voter registration applications and voter change history. She reported that the voter would have been properly registered if the administrative error had not replaced his voter information with his son's. The Board determined the provisional ballot should be accepted.

Director Walter informed the Board there was another ballot that the Biscoe Precinct Chief Judge placed in a provisional ballot envelope, but it is not a provisional ballot. She reported that this was the first voter in Biscoe on Election Day. When the PO attempted to check them in, it was obvious that they were eligible to vote in the election, but there was a computer which prevented the PO from printing the Authorization to Vote. The Chief Judge called the BOE for guidance. Director Walter instructed them to use the emergency voting procedures (use a blank ATV form, attach the label, issue the ballot) to allow them and any other eligible voters to vote until she fixes the problem and can print the ATV from the laptop. She explained that the emergency ATV and the one printed from the laptop will be placed together in the ATV book. The emergency ATV permits them to vote without delay and the ATV printed from the laptop once the issue is resolved will mark them as voted and include them in the voter history. Apparently when the "Help Referral" form (which is the same form when someone votes a provisional ballot) printed, the Chief Judge treated it as a provisional and placed the form along with the voted ballot in the provisional envelope, but this was not a provisional. The voter history from the laptop shows a completed vote, not a provisional, for this voter but the ballot did not get placed in the tabulator. She advised that Elections Field Specialist Steve Adams explained that the vote would have to entered manually and provided her with instructions on how to complete that process.

Chair Adams reported that of the six provisional ballots cast during the 2025 Municipal Elections, three are accepted and three are rejected. He announced that the accepted provisional ballots will be placed in the tabulator to be counted, the rejected provisional ballots will not, and the ballot that was incorrectly placed in the provisional envelope will be opened and entered manually by the Director per instructions provided by the State.

Director Walter left to finalize the Board's determination on the provisionals in the voter history. Deputy Director Moore powered up the Provisional Ballot tabulator, opened the poll, and ran the zero tape which signed by all Members. Member Benson announced that the public count on the tabulator is zero. Member Wynkoop and Member Benson placed the accepted provisional ballots in the tabulator. Member Benson announced the ending public count was three. The poll was closed, the results tape was printed and signed by all Members, seal and the USB was removed. Chair Adams provided the USB to Director Walter to upload results from the provisional votes to the State. The ballots were removed and sealed.

Chair Adams announced that Director Walter thinks she put the Absentee Abstract previously signed was placed with the ballots in the sealed packet. He stated that a motion would be needed to open the sealed packet. Member Wynkoop made the motion to open the sealed Absentee packet, Member Brown seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed. Chair Adams opened the packet. The abstract was not in the packet. The opened packet containing the ballots was placed in another packet and sealed.

With no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Member Wynkoop made the motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48AM.

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