



MONTGOMERY COUNTY **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

ABSENTEE BOARD MINUTES **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** **5:00PM**

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met on February 10, 2026, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy for the required weekly absentee meeting. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Kelsey Brown, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop attended. BOE staff, Director Kimberly Walter and Deputy Director Donna Moore were present.

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

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.

The minutes from the January 27, 2026, regular Board meeting, were emailed earlier today. Not all Board Members were able to review them prior to this meeting and decided wait until next meeting to sign them.

Director Walter read the Director's Report dated 2/10/2026 regarding activities initiated and/or completed since the last Board meeting. A copy of the Director's Report is attached

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Board Review of Returned Absentee Ballots

Director Walter reported that two ballot packets have been returned and are ready for the Board to review. Director Walter presented the Board with the Absentee Voter Correspondence List and two sealed envelopes containing the returned Absentee ballots. Each Member carefully reviewed each return envelope and determined that both were to be accepted. Member Wynkoop made a motion to approve the two ballots. Member Burris seconded the motion. All Members were in favor and the motion passed. Each Member signed the report verifying each Absentee packet received was reviewed and noting the decision to approve the packets.

There is a standing motion to open the accepted Absentee Ballot packets and run the enclosed ballots in the tabulator from first Absentee Board Meeting held on 1/27/2026. Members confirmed the beginning count on the tabulator was two. Members Burris and Wynkoop ran each accepted ballot in the tabulator and announced the ending count on the tabulator was four.

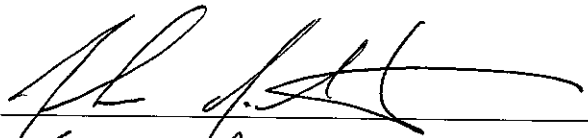
Inclement Weather Resolution

Chair Adams read the proposed Inclement Weather Resolution aloud. Member Burris made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Chair Adams signed the resolution.

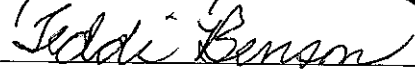
Precinct Official Placement Updates/Appointment

Deputy Director Moore advised that there have been a couple of precinct officials who have resigned since the last board meeting, three that have notified BOE staff that they cannot work the Primary Election in March and two who failed to attend training and have not made any contact with the BOE staff to reschedule. Chair Adams asked if there were at least three judges (a chief and two judges) at each precinct. Deputy Director Moore advised most are Assistants except Susan Molick, who was appointed as Star-Judge (REP). Chair Adams directed Staff to contact the Republican Assistant in Star Precinct and ask if they would accept the position of Judge and to bring back his response at the next meeting.

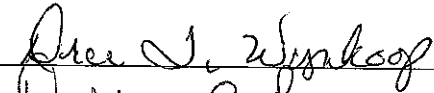
With no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Member Wynkoop made the motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:26PM.



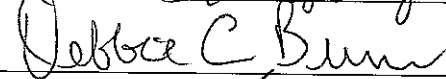
CHAIR



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Director's Report

Training for the most part is complete. There are a few planning to attend makeup training, I have scheduled that for Monday, February 16, 6:00 p.m.

Chief Judge training went very well; they were most appreciative of the separate training and receiving their Chief Judge books early so they can review them way before their Election Day duties.

New rules are in place for voters without numbers/voters with unverified numbers/HAVA ID voters. (I have a form that explains this process if needed)

Laptops for Early Voting have been programmed and are ready.

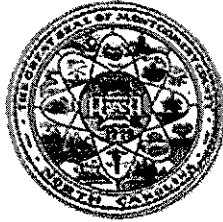
Kenneth and Donna will begin tomorrow, Wednesday, 2/11/2026 beginning at 11:00 a.m. to deliver Early Voting Equipment and she will be able to give any last-minute instructions or supplies to the Chief Judges.

The state has sent out letters to voters without numbers that are currently active. We have been flooded with phone calls and in-office visits with questions concerning these letters. These voters registered to vote prior to 2002 and at that time numbers were not required. We will update the records with those numbers after the election, there will be no issues when they present to vote in this election.

Also, I have received an email from Belinda Stuart in Finance letting me know that per the fee schedule for FY26 copies are to be .25. I let her know our board voted last year for the cost of copies to remain .10, due to not knowing about a county fee schedule. She checked with Frankie and confirmed all departments are to abide by what is set in the ordinance. So, copies are now .25.

Go Primary 2026!!





RESOLUTION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

To Adopt an Early Voting Inclement Weather Policy for the March 3, 2026, Primary

WHEREAS North Carolina General Statute 163-166.35 authorizes a County Board of Elections to establish sites and hours for Early Voting; and,

WHEREAS any modification to the previously adopted Early Voting plan for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election requires a unanimous vote of all its members; and,

WHEREAS should inclement weather cause Montgomery County government to close or delay opening, all early voting sites will follow Montgomery County government's decision to close or delay opening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montgomery County Board of Elections hereby modifies the previously adopted Early Voting plan for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election to include the inclement weather policy as set forth above.

Approved this February 10, 2026



John J. Adams – Board Chair