

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Teddi Benson Chairperson John Adams, Secretary Debbie Burris, Member Dree Wynkoop, Member Tasha Medley, Member

# BOARD MINUTES Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:30PM

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) met June 10, 2025, for the regular monthly Board Meeting at the BOE office located at 327 N. Main Street in Troy, NC. Board Members John Adams, Debbie Burris, Tasha Medley and Dree Wynkoop were present. Also present were BOE staff, Director Kimberly Walter and Deputy Director Donna Moore.

Secretary Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

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

The Board meeting minutes from regular meeting held on May 13, 2025, were presented for approval. Member Burris made a motion to approve the minutes and Member Medley seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were to be signed and returned to BOE office staff to file and have posted on the BOE website.

Director Walter shared the Director's Report regarding activities initiated and/or completed since the last Board meeting. A copy of the Director's Report dated 6/10/2025 is attached. She advised that the Audit for Deceased voters spanning November 2020 through November 2024 was completed and the required survey was submitted to the State Board of Elections on May 16, 2025. She had a copy of the newly compiled Precinct Chief Judge book available for the Members to review. She advised that updated Precinct Official Manuals have been printed but have not been assembled because notice was received from County Finance Director that a "blackout" has been placed on purchasing through July 8, 2025, meaning the supplies needed to complete the assembly of the manuals cannot be purchased until after that date. Director Walter added that Elections Field Specialist Steve Adams visited the office today and discussed the candidate filing procedure as it pertains to the upcoming fall municipal elections.

#### **Old Business**

Final Meeting of the Current Board

Director Walter reported that this meeting is the final meeting for the current County Board because the State Board of Elections will appoint new Board Members, and the State Auditor will appoint a new Board Chair on June 24, 2025. She stated that the newly appointed members will be sworn on July 22, 2025, and that there would be no meeting on July 8, 2025, which would have been the next scheduled regular meeting. She read a statement expressing gratitude to the current Members for their service to Montgomery County Elections on behalf of the BOE office staff. A copy of the statement is attached.

## **Public Comment**

Deputy Director Moore advised that no one had signed the Public Comment Sign Up Sheet for this meeting. Member Adams asked those in attendance if anyone wanted to speak and no one indicated that they did.

## **New Business**

Felony Voter Registration

Director Walter presented to the Members a Voter Registration Application that had been received by the BOE office since the last Board meeting that was determined, during processing, to have been submitted by an individual who is currently serving an active felony sentence. The individual's voter registration application and current criminal record check were presented to the Members for review. Following the review of the documents by all Members, Member Adams made a motion to deny the Voter Registration Application based on information and research provided. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business by the Current Board

Director Walter explained that, because the current Board Members' terms will end upon the appointment of the new Members on June 24, 2025, and the new Board cannot act until they are sworn on July 22, 2025, there will be a period of time when the BOE will not have a seated Board overseeing elections activities. She noted concern because candidate filing occurs during that span of time. Member Adams reassured her that although the current Board Members cannot enter a ruling during that period, they would be available for guidance if needed by BOE staff. Director Walter advised that she had left a message for Clerk of Superior Court John Deaton requesting him to be available on July 22, 2025, to officiate the swearing in of the new Board Members. Member Adams directed her to contact the local newspaper to invite them to attend the swearing in also. He asked if there was any other unfinished or open business and all present indicated there was none.

With no further comments or business on the agenda, Secretary Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Member Wynkoop made the motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:52PM.

The signatures below are for the minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting.

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