



MONTGOMERY COUNTY **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

ABSENTEE BOARD MINUTES **Tuesday, September 29, 2026** **5:00PM**

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met on September 29, 2026, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy, NC 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 September 8, 2026, regular Board meeting, were presented. Member Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Burris seconded the motion. All Members were in favor. The minutes were approved, signed and returned to BOE office staff to file and to post on the BOE website.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Resolutions

- **Resolution for Board Meeting Schedule for the General Election**

The Board reviewed, issued and signed "Resolution of the Montgomery County Board of Elections Schedule of Absentee and Necessary Board Meetings for the November 03, 2026, General Election" establishing the date and times of Absentee and other special board meetings for the 2026 General (Midterm) Election.

- **Resolution Delegating Preparatory Steps for Absentee Ballots to BOE Staff**

The Board reviewed, issued, and signed "Resolution of the Montgomery County Board of Elections Regarding Delegation to Staff of Preparatory Steps for Absentee Ballots in the November 03, 2026, General Election" identifying and delegating specific preparatory steps that Staff can perform prior to absentee board meetings.

Board Review of Returned Absentee Ballots

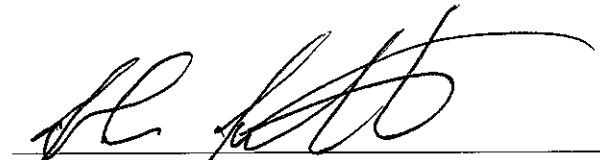
Director Walter reported that nineteen ballot packets have been returned and are ready for the Board to review. Director Walter presented the Board with the Absentee Voter Correspondence List and nineteen sealed envelopes containing the returned Absentee ballots. Each Member

carefully reviewed each return envelope and determined that all were to be accepted. Member Benson made a motion to open the accepted returned absentee ballots and run them in tabulator. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. Chair Adams announced that this would be a standing motion for all Absentee Meetings through Election Day. All Members were in favor and the motion passed.

Chair Adams opened the polls on the ABS tabulator. All Members confirmed the beginning count on the tabulator was zero and signed the zero tape. Chair Adams and Member Benson ran each accepted ballot in the tabulator and announced the ending count on the tabulator was nineteen.

Chair Adams announced that eighteen civilian absentee ballots and one overseas absentee ballot were accepted, placed in the tabulator, and counted. He stated that the overseas ballot was delivered by email and that one ballot was rejected by the tabulator as "unreadable marks" and that these had to be copied manually so that they could be placed in and read/counted by the tabulator. Chair Adam and Member Benson manually copied the overseas ballot. Members Brown and Burris spoiled the "unreadable marks" ballot and manually copied it. Both manually copied ballots were run through the tabulator and were included in the ending count

With no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Adams made a motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:38PM.



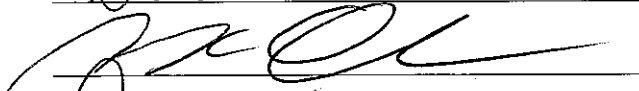
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