

**MINUTES, LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS,  
10 A.M. ON 30 OCTOBER 2012 AT ELECTION HEADQUARTERS, 110-C SOUTH HERRITAGE STREET,  
KINSTON, NC**

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**Present:** Chairman Sharon L. Kanter, Secretary Oscar E. Herring, and Board Member Kimberly B. Allison  
**Absent:** Elections Director Dana W. King [conducting a training class for poll workers]

**Re:** NCGS 163-230(C1) – During the period commencing on the third Tuesday before an election, in which absentee ballots are authorized, the county board of elections shall hold one or more public meetings each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of action on applications for absentee ballots.

Chairman Kanter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion focused on the number of poll workers that did not attend the required technical training. Poll workers were not asked during the technical training class if anyone wished to work at the One-Stop sites. The training letter did not ask poll workers if they wished to work at the One Stop sites. *How were the One Stop workers selected?* The NCGS and the local board had established a requirement for poll workers to attend training—now some did not attend the training and the question is *“what is the board going to do about untrained workers”*. Herring suggested that the Chairman contact Johnnie McLean with the State Board of Elections for guidance. Ms. McLean advised that *our priority is to ensure that the polling places are opened. However, it is ideal to have the training prior to opening of the precincts and not have to provide on-the-job training during the election.* The question remains: *“How were the poll workers selected to work the One-Stop sites?”*

The board noted that the training classes were scheduled too close to the election, which prevented some poll workers from attending the training because they had been assigned as One-Stop workers. A make-up training class was scheduled for precinct workers who had not been able to/didn't attend one of the scheduled classes, but the notice of that class was too short for some of the untrained precinct workers to participate

Herring requested clarification of whether the magnetic sticker is to replace the wire seal on the iVotronic equipment. Response was *“yes”*.

The Chairman suggested that a prepared statement be provided for One-Stop poll workers so everyone will be using the same terminology; *“vote for the President/Vice President and then vote a straight party ticket or each office individually”*.

The board briefly discussed the memorandum from Gary Bartlett regarding the solicitation of votes from various organization and board members were encouraged to send such materials, if received, to Mr. Bartlett.

The need existed to have a male rover that is technical savvy and with the expertise to diagnosis and perform problem solving services at the voting sites. On a motion by Oscar Edward Herring, a second by Kimberly B. Allison and unanimous approval Moseley Hall Chief Judge Herman Jacobs was moved, with his agreement, into the rover position and Geraldine Alphin Medlin was appointed the Chief Judge for Moseley Hall precinct.

The absentee applications ending 30 October 2012 had been counted, categorized by the staff, and were submitted to the board:

CIVILIAN – 127      ONE STOP – 8,117      MILITARY – 8      OVERSEAS – 2      TOTAL – 8,254

The absentee applications were unanimously approved on a motion by Sharon L. Kanter and a second by Oscar E. Herring.

The board discussed the protocol for swearing in poll workers; the General Statutes state that the Chair of the Board of Elections shall give the oath of office to the Chief Judges and the Chief Judges is to give the oath of office to the poll workers.

The board expressed their appreciation to the staff for the many extra hours [nights and weekends] that they had devoted to this election.

A motion by Kimberly B. Allison, a second by Oscar Edward Herring and unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

These minutes were electronically approved on 30 October 2012.