

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023
SECOND ABSENTEE BALLOT MEETING

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, LH Kirksey,
and Linda Walker. Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Trent Price
Guests; Barbara Myers

Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 9AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance,
followed by a moment of silence.

Public Comments:

Barbara Myers asked the board to include more days for early voting in the 2024 primary. She
also asked about the status of SB 747. Kenny informed her this bill is scheduled to go into
effect January 01, 2024.

Linda Walker made a motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session to discuss a
personnel issue and approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Business:

FYI

Chairman Kirksey informed the board members the paperwork necessary to affirm Kenny
Rhyne as Interim Director for the Burke County Board of Elections had been signed and
submitted to the Burke County HR Director. The Board of Elections has a copy of the
paperwork on file.

Kenny presented a request from the State Board of Elections for Burke County to host a
regional session for Campaign Finance training.

Sandi Walker made a motion to allow Director Rhyne to proceed with the plan for Burke
County Board of Elections to host the Campaign Finance training session for the SBOE and
schedule the use of Room 163 for this event. All approved.

Director Rhyne gave an update on the number of votes cast in early voting.

As of October 30, 2023, 886 have voted.

He then gave the board members the absentee ballots received since last meeting. Four ballots
were reviewed and two additional ballots were spoiled. The spoiled ballots were for a couple
that decided to early vote instead.

Sandi Walker made a motion to accept the four good ballots and secure them with the ballots
stored from the October 24, 2023 meeting for tabulating on election day. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to go into closed session at 9:18 AM to discuss a personnel
matter. All approved.

Chairman LH Kirksey called the open session part of the meeting back to order at 9:37 AM.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 9:38AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary