

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

21 July 2025 at 4:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Myesha Good, Kevin Evans, Bob Proctor and Chad Word  
Staff in Attendance: Tesha Green and Malcolm Unvala

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM

### Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Proctor made the motion and Mr. Evans seconded. The agenda was approved unopposed.

### Certification of Returns

Mr. Unvala presented the Official and Complete Election Summary Report (ESR) to the board. He explained that 1,504 ballots were cast with 1,111 cast on Election Day, 373 cast during the Early Voting period, 16 by mail and 4 provisionally. He noted that the only difference between the final numbers on Election Night and this Official and Complete ESR were the 4 provisional ballots that were found to be cast by eligible Douglas County voters.

Mr. Word extended commendations to the poll workers at Beulah Baptist Church who worked through election day with no air conditioning.

Mrs. Good asked whether the office has any plans to practice Election Night closing procedures, noting that even with such low turnout it appeared to take a while for precincts to arrive with their returns.

Mrs. Green explained to the board that voter turnout has little effect on closing procedures for polling places and that precincts were arriving in an expected timeframe on Election Night. She noted that the primary contribution to the delays before returns is the amount of paperwork required at the close of polls. When asked by Mr. Evans regarding any procedures to streamline the process for faster closings, Mrs. Green explained that the forms and paperwork provided is mandated by Election Code, including the use of handwritten forms on carbon-copy paper in triplicate.

Mr. Word noted that he observed encoder issues with the electronic poll books during his polling place visits.

Mrs. Green explained that it is a known issue and drawback with the electronic poll books, and the office continues to explore options to improve the process and noted that this particular issue would never keep an eligible voter from casting a ballot.

Mrs. Good requested a motion to certify the returns of the 15 July 2025 Public Service Commissioner Primary Runoff. Mr. Word made a motion and Mr. Evans seconded. The returns were certified unopposed.

#### Board Member Concerns

Mr. Proctor expressed his concerns regarding the topics and volume of certain conversations by citizens in the public areas of the courthouse on Election Night, noting that the board had no authority regarding this speech and offered this only as an observation.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08PM

Next Regular Board Meeting – 21 August 2025 at 5:00PM