

Cumberland County Board of Elections

Monthly Meeting

Aug 18, 2026

Chair Devore called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Devore, Edmonds, Grimes, Johnson, and Eldridge.

Others in attendance: Deputy Director Vicki Hilburn, Assistant County Attorney Helen Nelson, and members of the public.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Member Grimes made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Johnson and approved unanimously.

ACTION: Member Johnson made the motion approve minutes of July 14 (9:30AM), July 14 (1:00PM), July 17, July 21, and July 28 meetings. The motion was seconded by Member Edmonds and approved unanimously.

Deputy Director Hilburn recommended an Absentee meeting schedule for statutory meetings preceding the November election. September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20, and October 27 meetings will be scheduled at 9:30AM. Statute also requires a meeting at 5:00PM November 12.

ACTION: Member Edmonds made the motion to approve the meeting schedule for 9:30AM meetings on each of the five Tuesdays prior to the November 3 election. The motion was seconded by Member Eldridge and approved unanimously.

Deputy Director Hilburn reported that letters have been sent to the voters in PM2C precinct, to notify of the change in voting location from the previous closed Breezewood site to Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School on Legion Rd. Hilburn also reported receiving 20 pages of petition signatures for the North Carolina Forward Party.

Pay increases for election day precinct officials, recently approved in our budget, are posted on our website. New pay schedule:

Precinct Chief Judge: \$285plus \$50 setup;

Judge \$225 plus \$25 training;

Assistant \$175 plus \$25 training.

Chair Devore provided an update on recent election legislation. HB834 has been signed by the Governor; it will allow us to begin downloading Early Voting results earlier on Election Day, and allow more time for curing Provisional ballots. HB958 was vetoed by the Governor.

ACTION: Member Johnson made the motion to enter closed session at 9:51 AM pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Member Eldridge and approved unanimously.

The Board returned from closed session at 10:06AM.

Chair Devore announced that the board has voted unanimously to recommend Deputy Director, Vicki Hilburn, as Interim Director. The recommendation will be forwarded to the State Executive Director.

ACTION: Member Edmonds moved to adjourn the meeting 10:10 AM. The motion was seconded by Member Eldridge and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



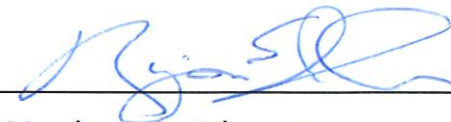
Brenda M Eldridge
Secretary



Chair Linda Devore



Member Irene Grimes



Member Ryan Johnson

Member Derek Edmonds