

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2023

*Alphia Dunbar, Commissioner
Carleton Vaughn, Commissioner
Ben Watson, Commissioner*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Municipal Election Commission meeting of April 27, 2023, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairperson Ben Watson at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room on the third floor of the Municipal Center.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting was posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Present were Commissioners Alphia Dunbar, Carleton Vaughn, and Ben Watson. Also, in attendance was Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

ITEM 3: Administration of Oath of Canvassers

Clerk Paul administered the Oath of Canvassers to the Municipal Election Commission Members.

ITEM 4: Provisional Ballot Hearing, if necessary

Clerk Paul provided the Aiken County Provisional Ballot list provided by the Aiken County Registration & Elections. She stated there are 2 Provisional ballots and 1 Failsafe Provisional ballot. She stated that Aiken County provided recommendations and requested that the MEC adjudicate the failsafe provisional ballot.

Discussion ensued on the failsafe provisional ballot and regular provisional ballots. The MEC concluded that the voter did follow the protocol from a regular general election by returning to their old precinct, however, should have been instructed to go to Aiken County to do the failsafe ballot. The MEC agreed that the failsafe provisional should be counted and agreed with the Aiken County recommendations on the two provisional ballots.

MEC did recognize that Ms. Angela Plexico Owen's did appear for the hearing as well.

It was moved by Commissionmember Vaughn, seconded by Commissionmember Dunbar, to accept Aiken County's recommendations on the two provisional ballots and reject Rose Richardson's provisional ballot and accept Genave Russo's provisional ballot and to approve Angela Plexico Owen's failsafe provisional ballot. Unanimously Approved. (See Attachment #4)

Clerk Paul stated that she will provide Aiken County Registration & Elections of motion after the meeting.

ITEM 5: Canvassing of Votes

MEC reviewed the unofficial numbers provided by Aiken County and Edgefield County. Clerk Paul explained that there was one failsafe ballot that was counted at Aiken County and was added the North Augusta totals spreadsheet. She added that the spreadsheet includes the Edgefield County's early vote totals too. (See Attachment #5)

MEC came to the consensus that the vote totals match the tape totals that was provided on election night and recognized the failsafe vote at Aiken County on election day.

ITEM 6: Certification of the Official Results for the April 25, 2023 Municipal General Election

MEC discussed the official results and requested that the Clerk update the letter to the City's Mayor to reflect the official results.

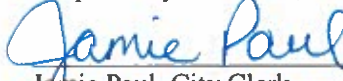
It was moved by Commissionmember Dunbar, seconded by Commissionmember Vaughn, to certify the Official Results for the April 25, 2023 Municipal General Election. Unanimously Approved. (See Attachment #6)

ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the commission adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Approved this 3rd day of
May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, City Clerk

North Augusta General Election

4/25/23

Provisional Ballot Recommendations

Name	Status	Recommend end Accept	Recommen d Reject	Recommend Board Adjudication	Board Decision Accepted/Rejected	Details/notes
Rose Richardson	Provisional		Reject			Voter should have went to Riverview Park but wanted to vote at Fairview. Vote Wrong Precinct.
Genave Russo	Provisional	Accept				DMV Confirms Voter should have had Address updated. Voter checked "yes" at DMV. Eligible to vote in Municipality.
Angela Plexico Owens	Failsafe Provisional			Adjudicate		*Failsafe address changes are to be conducted at main office in elections where voters old precinct may not be part of the election. Poll manager provided voter a provisional ballot and entered Failsafe information. Unclear if voter did not want to come to office for failsafe or if poll manager offered it and completed. Failsafe is essentially the legal term for address change. See more explanation below....*

*In elections with all precincts open, a voter can go to their old precinct on time and vote a limited Failsafe Provisional ballot (only includes at-large, statewide, Federal offices - Not district specific) and do an address change. Or, the voter can complete an address change at our main office and vote a full Failsafe ballot. All precincts aren't open in municipal elections and a voter's old precinct may not be available.

Therefore, only Emergency/Provisional ballots are provided in a municipal election and voters should come to our office and complete the address change.

However, it could be either the voter wasn't notified to come to our office or perhaps voter didn't want to make the drive as it is inconvenient.

Therefore, we recommend the North Augusta MEC adjudicate and make a judgement on acceptance of this ballot.

Be advised, though, that should the Board choose to accept the voters Provisional ballot, it will only record as a Provisional vote and not a Failsafe Provisional Vote on the final report.

Election Results Report
City of North Augusta General Election
April 25, 2023

Aiken County, SC

STATISTICS						
	TOTAL	Election Day	Early Voting	Absentee Mail	Failsafe	Provisional
Election Day Precincts Reporting	20 of 21	19	0	0	1	0
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	19 of 19	0	19	0	0	0
Registered Voters - Total	17,486					
Ballots Cast - Total	1,885	1,844	40	0	1	0
Voter Turnout - Total	10.78%					

Election Results Report
City of North Augusta General Election
April 25, 2023

Aiken County, SC

City Council at Large North Augusta
 Vote For 3

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Voting	Absentee Mail	Failsafe	Provisional
REP David Buck	1,012	22.89%	988	24	0	0	0
REP Eric Presnell	1,019	23.05%	994	25	0	0	0
REP Kevin Toole	1,145	25.90%	1,119	26	0	0	0
DEM Richard Adams II	565	12.78%	556	9	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	680	15.38%	669	10	0	1	0
Write-In: Richard Fletcher	644	14.57%	634	9	0	1	0
Not Assigned	36	0.81%	35	1	0	0	0
Total Votes Cast	4,421	100.00%	4,326	94	0	1	0

	STATISTICS			
	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Ballots Cast - Blank	Voter Turnout - Total
Belvedere No. 9	930	26	0	2.8%
Carolina Heights	450	44	0	9.78%
North Augusta No. 25	1,533	168	0	10.96%
North Augusta No. 26	1,033	66	0	6.39%
North Augusta No. 27	1,523	275	0	18.06%
North Augusta No. 28	1,138	175	0	15.38%
North Augusta No. 29	1,668	216	0	12.95%
Belvedere No. 44	170	12	0	7.06%
Misty Lakes	242	2	0	0.83%
North Augusta No. 54	1,154	84	0	7.28%
North Augusta No. 55	1,076	150	0	13.94%
Fox Creek No. 58	1,329	107	0	8.05%
Belvedere No. 62	203	15	0	7.39%
North Augusta No. 67	1,233	201	0	16.3%
North Augusta No. 68	596	76	0	12.75%
Fox Creek No. 73	903	72	0	7.97%
North Augusta No. 80	961	117	0	12.17%
Ascauga Lake No. 84	125	2	0	1.6%

Canvass Results Report
City of North Augusta General Election
April 25, 2023

	STATISTICS			
	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Ballots Cast - Blank	Voter Turnout - Total
Creek No. 85	1,219	76	0	6.23%
Fallsafe	0	1	0	0%
Provisional	0	0	0	0%
Totals	17,486	1,885	0	0

		City Council at Large North Augusta							
		VOTE FOR 3							
		REP David Buck	REP Eric Presnell	REP Kevin Toole	DEM Richard Adams II	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Richard Fletcher	Write-in: Not Assigned	Total Votes Cast
Belvedere No. 9		3	9	8	21	4	4	0	45
Carolina Heights		22	22	27	20	10	10	0	101
North Augusta No. 25		89	92	97	45	66	64	2	389
North Augusta No. 26		28	28	33	32	15	15	0	136
North Augusta No. 27		185	165	195	64	95	90	5	704
North Augusta No. 28		103	109	116	30	81	76	5	439
North Augusta No. 29		128	147	152	67	59	58	1	553
Belvedere No. 44		4	3	5	8	2	2	0	22
Misty Lakes		2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6

		City Council-at Large North Augusta							
		VOTE FOR 3							
		REP David Buck	REP Eric Presnell	REP Kevin Toole	DEM Richard Adams II	Write-in Totals	Write-in: Richard Fletcher	Write-in: Not Assigned	Total Votes Cast
North Augusta No. 54		22	18	17	58	14	14	0	129
North Augusta No. 55		73	88	91	37	68	66	2	357
Fox Creek No. 58		59	56	65	46	18	18	0	244
Belvedere No. 62		7	4	9	5	5	5	0	30
North Augusta No.67		111	98	115	36	108	99	9	468
North Augusta No. 68		48	46	58	14	16	16	0	182
Fox Creek No. 73		27	28	34	30	37	35	2	156
North Augusta No. 80		64	62	72	27	49	41	8	274
Ascauga Lake No. 84		0	1	1	1	1	1	0	4
Creek No. 85		37	41	48	24	31	29	2	181
Failsafe		0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Provisional		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		1,012	1,019	1,145	565	680	644	36	4,421

*** VOTING RESULTS REPORT ***
07:05 PM April 25, 2023
Unit Serial Number: 0319340387

Edgefield County, SC
City of North Augusta General Election
0750 Early Voting
Election Date: April 25, 2023
Poll Opened Date: April 10, 2023
Poll Opened Time: 08:24 AM
Poll Closed Date: April 25, 2023
Poll Closed Time: 07:05 PM
Public Count: 2

Protected Count: 9
Poll Voting Report

Total Standard Ballot Sheets: 0
Total ExpressVote Cards: 2

Total Sheets Processed: 2

Straight Party	
Number to Vote For	1
Republican	0
Democratic	0
City Council at Large North Augusta	
Number to Vote For	3
REP David Buck	1
REP Eric Presnell	1
REP Kevin Toole	0
DEM Richard Adams II	0
Write-in	2
Write-in	0
Write-in	0

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY
THAT THE ABOVE RESULTS ARE A TRUE AND
ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL BALLOTS COUNTED
AND THAT ALL COUNTERS WERE ZERO (0) WHEN
THE POLLS OPENED AND THAT THE ELECTION
WAS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF
THE STATE.

Sharon Hammond

Poll Manager

Louise C. Jennings

Poll Manager

Straight Party

Vote For 1

TOTAL

Republican	0
Democratic	0

City Council at Large North Augusta

Vote For 3

TOTAL

REP David Buck	1
REP Eric Presnell	1
REP Kevin Toole	0
DEM Richard Adams II	0
Write-In Totals	2
Write-In: Richard Fletcher	2
Not Assigned	0

2023 Municipal Elections
City Council

Precinct Name	Richard Adams	Kevin Toole	David Buck	Eric Presnell	Write Ins	Vote Totals for this Precinct
MistyLake45	0	2	2	2	0	6
AscaugaLake84	1	1	0	1	1	4
NorthAugusta54	55	17	22	18	14	126
Belvedere9	21	7	2	7	4	41
Belvedere44	8	5	4	3	2	22
Belvedere62	5	9	7	4	5	30
NorthAugusta28	29	111	99	105	77	421
NorthAugusta29	64	144	122	140	58	528
NorthAugusta55	37	91	73	88	68	357
NorthAugusta67	36	114	110	97	107	464
NorthAugusta26	31	33	28	28	15	135
NorthAugusta80	27	72	64	62	49	274
CarolinaHeights10	19	22	17	17	10	85
NorthAugusta25	45	97	89	92	64	387
Merriwether1	0	7	6	7	1	21
NorthAugusta27	64	190	179	160	93	686
FoxCreek58	46	64	58	55	18	241
NorthAugusta68	14	58	48	46	16	182
FoxCreek73	30	34	27	28	37	156
NorthAugustaCreek85	24	48	37	41	31	181
EdgefieldCoEarlyVote	0	0	1	1	2	4
AikenCoEarlyVote	9	26	24	25	10	94
Totals	565	1152	1019	1027	682	4445

Edgefield County

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Municipal Election Commission

P. O. Box 6400
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

April 27, 2023

The Honorable Briton S. Williams, Mayor
City of North Augusta
P.O. Box 6400
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

Dear Mayor Williams and City Council,

We, the Municipal Election Commission of the City of North Augusta, hereby certify the following official results for the General Election conducted April 25, 2023:

Councilmember:

Eric Presnell – Elected with 1,028 votes*
Kevin Toole – Elected with 1,152 votes*
David Buck – Elected with 1,020 votes*
Richard Adams – Not Elected with 566 votes
Richard Fletcher – Write-In – Not Elected with 647 votes

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Watson", written over a horizontal line.

Ben Watson, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alpha Dunbar", written over a horizontal line.

Alpha Dunbar

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carleton Vaughn", written over a horizontal line.

Carleton Vaughn

*Winners noted with an asterisk