

2024 Excerpts from Reports Submitted by LWVNC County Board of Election Observers Across the State

Mecklenburg County – following March 2024 primary

It was reported that turnout was 24 percent of eligible voters for the county. That was lower than last primary election held two years ago. Out of all ballots cast only 3 were rejected due to incorrect ballot style selection combined with inability to find matching ATV form. In pre-canvass meeting held yesterday, March 14, over an hour of ballot review was completed. A signed letter was received from a person incarcerated over a year, and currently in inactive voter registration status, requesting an absentee ballot. This was rec'd on primary election day, too late for voting in the primary, but not too late to process for the November general election. Research determined that person was incarcerated out of Iredaell county waiting for trial for murder and kidnapping but has not yet been convicted. This creates two issues: 1) does BOE update his Iredell voting status from inactive to active? 2) does BOE accept the request and send the imprisoned person an absentee ballot form to fill out for November election, or reject the request and say he should vote in his current residence county, or not be allowed to vote at all?

Valid ballots cast, 33,558 total were certified by the Board via voice vote. BOE decided to escalate the issues with the incarcerated voter request to the state BOE to determine the correct actions that should be taken.

Durham County – following March 2024 primary

Attempt was made to contact three voters whose registration confirmation cards were returned. Effort to contact through overnight letter plus email or phone number if provided. No response.

43 ballots were returned after the deadline of 7:30 Election Day. Some of these had earlier postmarks. In addition, one returned by the deadline had witness info missing.

Brunswick County – following March 2024 primary

Provisional Ballots - how many were denied with a summary of reasons for denial? 21, as they did not show proper ID on election day. They were given the opportunity to bring proper ID to BOE by 5 o'clock on 3/14. No one showed up with proper ID.

Catawba County – following March 2024 primary

All the reconciliations (Absentee, One-Stop, Election Day & Provisional) for voter history audits were flawless and the Hand-to-Eye Sample Audits (one each for a Precinct Voting Day and one Early Voting Location) came out accurately.

Wake County – following March 2024 primary

Discussed the likelihood on a second primary for 2-3 Republican elections. They will determine the Early Voting Sites at Canvass. Maps were distributed to Board for site selection.

Scotland County – following March 2024 primary

No irregularities, but 10 ballots not approved due to late arrivals to BOE.

Catawba County – meeting held on primary day, March 5, 2024

1) They had two different printer problems, and they were fixed. (2) There were no conflicts or issues at any of the precincts. The deputies were on standby and checked in with the BOE Director periodically. (3) There was one complaint about someone giving out misleading information at one of the precincts, but the person was not within the 50' marker and therefore was not of concern to be addressed.