

The Wake County Board of Elections met in a regular meeting at the Wake County Board of Elections Operation Center, 1200 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 11:00 a.m. on November 15, 2024.

Present: Chair Erica Porter, presiding, Secretary Angela Hawkins, and Board Members Greg Flynn, Keith Weatherly, and Gerry Cohen.

Absent: Board Members

Also Present: Olivia McCall, Spencer Berg, Lauren Nelson, Tiana Threatt, Evan Wingate, Danner McCulloh, Jacqueline Cameron, Matt Guess, Alex Reichert

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At 11:00 a.m., the Wake County Board of Elections met and had previously received from the chief judge and judges of elections for the precincts and voting places in the County of Wake, North Carolina, the returns of the bond referendum held in said County on November 5, 2024 upon the question of approving \$142,000,000 Library Bonds of said County.

After said returns had been canvassed by the Wake County Board of Elections, Angela Hawkins introduced the following resolution, the title of which was read and a copy of which had been previously distributed to each Board Member:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE RETURNS OF THE BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COUNTY OF WAKE, NORTH CAROLINA ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$142,000,000 LIBRARY BONDS AND DETERMINING THE RESULTS THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wake County Board of Elections (the "Board"):

Section 1. The returns of the bond referendum held in the County of Wake, North Carolina (the "County") on November 5, 2024 upon the question of approving \$142,000,000 Library Bonds of the County having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, this Board has found and determined and does hereby declare as follows:

(a) Each chief judge and judge for said referendum was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) The election officers had incorporated in their returns the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted.

(c) At said referendum there was submitted to the qualified voters of the County the following question:

Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the County of Wake, North Carolina in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question.

Shall the order adopted on July 8, 2024, authorizing \$142,000,000 LIBRARY BONDS of the County of Wake, North Carolina, plus interest, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for acquiring, constructing, expanding and renovating library buildings and other library facilities, both fixed and mobile, and the acquisition of related land, rights of way and equipment, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds be approved, in light of the following:

(1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of said bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be \$217,884,800, consisting of the \$142,000,000 principal amount of said bonds plus \$75,884,800 of estimated interest.

(2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of said bonds would be \$2.50 per year.

(d) No complaints have been made to the Board against the regularity of said referendum.

(e) Said referendum and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The attached schedule correctly shows the designation of the precincts at which said referendum was held and, as to each precinct, the location of the voting place, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote, the number of votes cast in favor of the question submitted and the number of votes cast against such question; the number of absentee, transfer, provisional and one-stop voting ballots returned in favor of such question and the number of absentee, transfer, provisional and one-stop voting ballots returned against such question; and the totals of such numbers.

Section 3. From the canvass made, the Board does hereby determine and certify:

(a) That 862,188 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

(b) At said referendum 350,510 votes were cast for the order adopted on July 8, 2024, authorizing not exceeding \$142,000,000 Library Bonds of the County of Wake, North

Carolina, plus interest, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for acquiring, constructing, expanding and renovating library buildings and other library facilities, both fixed and mobile, and the acquisition of related land, rights of way and equipment, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and 270,749 votes were cast against said order, and that a majority of the qualified voters of the County of Wake, North Carolina who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Section 4. The Chair of the Wake County Board of Elections is hereby directed to transmit immediately a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Wake, North Carolina.

Upon motion of Angela Hawkins, seconded by Greg Flynn, the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE RETURNS OF THE BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN THE COUNTY OF WAKE, NORTH CAROLINA ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$142,000,000 LIBRARY BONDS AND DETERMINING THE RESULTS THEREOF" was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Erica Porter, Angela Hawkins, Greg Flynn, Keith Weatherly,

Gerry Cohen

Noes: _____

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I, Angela Hawkins, Secretary of the Wake County Board of Elections, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Wake County Board of Elections at a scheduled canvassing meeting held on November 15, 2024, at the Wake County Board of Elections Operation Center, 1200 N. New Hope Road in Raleigh, North Carolina, said record having been made in the minute books of said Board and is a true copy of so much of said proceedings of said Board as relates in any way to the canvass of the returns of the bond referendum held in the County of Wake, North Carolina on November 5, 2024, upon the question of approving \$142,000,000 Library Bonds of said County.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that proper notice of such meeting was given as required by North Carolina law.

WITNESS my hand this 15th day of November, 2024.

Angela Hawkins
Secretary, Wake County Board of Elections