

The Gaston County Board of Elections, in Gaston County, North Carolina, met in special session at the office of said Board located at 410 West Franklin Boulevard, Suite 50, in Gastonia, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A.M., on May 18, 2018 with the following members present:

Present: Chairman James W. Ragan, presiding, and Sheena Amos, Vice-Chair, Deborah Dunlap, Secretary and Chris Thomason, Member.

Absent: NONE

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At 11 o'clock A.M., the Gaston County Board of Elections met and received from the chief judges, judges and other officers of election for the several precincts in Gaston County, North Carolina, the returns of the special bond referendum held in said County on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County.

After said returns had been canvassed by the Gaston County Board of Elections, Secretary Dunlap introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF THE
RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM HELD IN
GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MAY 8, 2018
UPON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING \$250,000,000
SCHOOL BONDS AND DETERMINING THE RESULT
THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Elections:

Section 1. The returns of the special bond referendum held in Gaston County, North Carolina, on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, this Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each officer of election for said referendum was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in said referendum.

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

Shall the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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

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

Section 2. The schedule attached to this resolution as Exhibit A correctly shows the designations of the several 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 provisional ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of provisional ballots cast against such question; the number of absentee ballots cast in favor of such question and the number of absentee ballots cast against such question; and the totals of such numbers.

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

(a) That 142,570 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

(b) That at said referendum 9,673 votes were cast for the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 4,318 votes were cast against said order, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said referendum voted in favor of said order.

Section 4. The Director of Elections is hereby directed to transmit immediately a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston.

EXHIBIT A

[See abstract of referendum returns attached hereto.]



NORTH CAROLINA PRIMARY ELECTION

May 8, 2018

ABSTRACT OF VOTES

FOR

GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

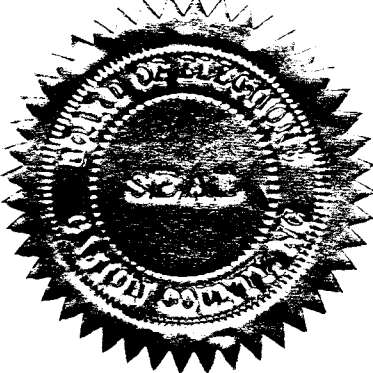
INSTRUCTIONS

The county board shall prepare abstracts of all the ballot items in triplicate originals. The county board shall retain one of the triplicate originals, and shall distribute one each to the clerk of superior court for the county and the State Board. The State Board shall forward the original abstract it receives to the Secretary of State. (GS § 163A-1173)

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GASTON**

The County Board of Elections for said county, having opened, canvassed, and judicially determined the original returns of the election in the precincts in this county, held as above stated, do hereby certify that the above is a true abstract thereof, and contains the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each office or referendum named, the name of each person or choice voted for, their party affiliation (where applicable), and the number of votes cast for each person or choice for the item named.

This is the 18th day of May, 2018.



Board Chair

Board Vice-Chair

Board Secretary

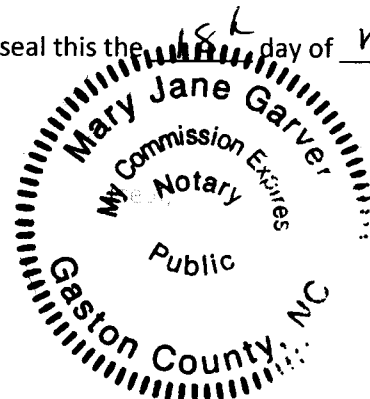
Board Member

This day personally appeared before me, James W. Ragan, Chair of the County Board of Elections, who being duly sworn, says the abstract of votes herein contained is true and correct, according to the returns made to said Board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this the 18th day of May, 2018.

[Signature]

My Commission Expires: 8-10-19



May 08, 2018 Primary Election Results by Contest

Friday, May 18, 2018
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Contest	Choice	Party	Total Votes	Election Day	One Stop	Abs Mail	Provisional
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 10 - REP	Jeff Gregory	REP	561	402	158	1	2
	Patrick McHenry	REP	6,085	4,399	1,628	35	23
	Ira Roberts	REP	212	149	56	7	0
	Albert Lee Wiley, Jr.	REP	67	51	14	2	0
	Seth Blankenship	REP	200	155	37	7	1
	Gina Collias	REP	1,649	1,283	355	4	7
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 44 - REP	Martin Oakes	REP	32	22	10	0	0
	Ted Alexander	REP	263	213	49	1	0
	David L. Curtis	REP	94	64	30	0	0
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 110 - REP	Kelly E. Hastings	REP	1,306	938	358	6	4
	Charlene High	REP	1,019	720	294	3	2
School Bonds	Yes		9,673	7,268	2,293	56	56
	No		4,318	2,943	1,316	44	15
One Quarter Cent Sales Tax	For		7,260	5,356	1,807	44	43
	Against		6,703	4,811	1,807	57	28

Upon motion of Secretary Dunlap seconded by Vice-Chair Amos the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman James W. Ragan, Vice-Chair Sheena Amos, Secretary Deborah Dunlap, Member Chris Thomason

Noes: NONE

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I, Adam Ragan, Director of Elections for the Gaston County Board of Elections, in Gaston County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the recorded minutes of said Board, at a meeting held on May 18, 2018, at the office of said Board located at 410 West Franklin Boulevard, Suite 50, in Gastonia, North Carolina, said record having been made in Minute Book No. ____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page ____ and ending at page ____, 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 special bond referendum held in Gaston County, North Carolina on May 8, 2018 upon the question of approving \$250,000,000 School Bonds of said County.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand this 21st day of May 2018.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 21st day of
May, 2018

Mary Jane Garver
Notary Public
My commission expires 8-10-19
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