Elections Retrospective
The New Hanover County Board of Elections would like to welcome you to the Elections Retrospective where we will reflect on the 2016 Primary Elections and discuss preparations ahead of the 2016 General Election.
Pledge of Allegiance
A Message From the Board of Elections

Board Chairman
Jonathan W. Washburn

Board Secretary
Jamie S. Getty

Board Member and Parliamentarian
Thomas C. Pollard
Board Chairman Jonathan W. Washburn
Each precinct will receive an iPad. This iPad will be used by the precinct official designated as the Pre Check-In Coordinator. The iPad will include two applications titled “NC Public Voter Search” and “NC Polling Place Search” that will be used to verify registration, address, and precinct for voters waiting in line on Election Day. The purpose of this is to alleviate the “Perfect Voter” line, by diverting voters that need extra assistance to the Help Desk, where possible.
Board Secretary Jamie S. Getty
The New Hanover County Board of Elections is still awaiting approval for the consolidation of precincts FP02 and FP05 into FP08 and division of precinct H09 into H12 and H13. Once this is approved by the State Board of Elections Executive Director, staff will be required to notify over 13,000 voters of this change. As soon as we know more details, we will notify you!
Board Member Thomas C. Pollard

The state is considering its options. Barring a different outcome on appeal, photo ID will not be required in the upcoming general election. Further details will be posted as they become available.
The New Hanover County Board of Elections sent a post-election survey for both the March and June primaries earlier this year. Let’s review your thoughts.
Question: How was your experience with the Board of Elections?

1 - Poor  5 - Excellent

Based on survey results from 130 respondents
Actually, the planning for equipment, the delivery and setup have been well thought out. Hopefully, for the next election, we can expect the additional hardware and personnel to allow us the same level of service.

I appreciate the responsiveness and attention that we receive from the BoE. It is refreshing to know that we are given answers when we ask, consideration when we request and that there is a genuine sense from the BOE that they are trying to make each election better than the last one and to maintain a high level of quality for New Hanover County.

I appreciated the snacks and quick processing at the end of the night at the BOE. Many thanks to your patient staff! and the Sheriff Dept. personnel for safely monitoring the parking lot and for unloading my suitcase.

The effort of the Board of Elections to educate and train all the volunteers is to be commended. I honestly feel well prepared and supported to exercise my responsibilities as a Poll Worker. The staff as well as the Director are all dedicated to making New Hanover County the standard across the State of North Carolina! I am proud to be affiliated with such an awesome Team!

The best organization of any election I've ever been a part of. Thank you for an excellent job.
**Post-Election Survey Comments**

**W18**
If every voter is getting the same ballot, why do we have to scan every one? Why can’t we just scan the first ballot of each pack as we open it?

**W08**
First: There needs to be TWO tech cards at every precinct!!!!!!!!!! When you have several items that need to be closed at the end of the day you can only complete one task at the time because there is only ONE tech card. This step took up about 40% of our closing time. Second: There has to be a better way to designate where items go at the end of the day (i.e. Black suit case, Red Suit case & Tub) I would say about 30% of our closing time was devoted to look to see what went where. I would suggest a RED DOT on the items for the red suitcase, BLACK DOT for the Black suit case & a WHITE DOT with TUB for the Tub items. Third: What is this BUNGEE CORDING items to the top of a suit case. Why not a large BLUE Zippered pouch. Also if a sealed pouch came out of the Black suit case but needs to go into the BLUE Zippered pouch then put a BLACK DOT & a BLUE DOT on it

**H09**
It was a shame we had to waste so much of our tax money to only vote for one judge. Better planning is required.

**H11**
Laptops should communicatel, Elections should be better publicized so that people know about it. Paper ballots were hard to read because of the light print.
The 2016 General Election is set to occur on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The Board of Elections has been planning and working non-stop!
Important Dates

2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Polls open
6:30am-7:30pm

You must vote at the polling place in the precinct in which you are registered on election day.

To check your registration or to find your polling location, visit NHCVote.com

ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL VOTING

Vote your ballot from anywhere!

November 1 @ 5pm
Deadline to request absentee ballot

November 8 @ 5pm
Deadline to return absentee ballot by hand

November 14
Deadline to return absentee ballot by mail with postmark on/ before Nov. 8

Absentee ballot request forms may be submitted in person, via email or fax.

Registration Forms may be found at:
- NC State Board of Elections
- NHC Board of Elections
- Public High Schools
- Military Recruitment Centers

ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING

Five Locations:
NHC Government Center
Northeast Regional Library
CFCC Health Sciences Building
NHC Senior Resource Center
Carolina Beach Multi-Complex Rec Center

Times (All Locations):
October 20 - November 5

Vote at any one-stop location, regardless of precinct of registration!

AVOID LINES! VOTE EARLY!
Data Analysis of Primaries

11.1% Election Day Increase from the most comparable election and a 52.5% One-Stop increase from the most comparable election
During presidential elections, the trend line for Election Day voting has been decreasing while the trend line for One-Stop Voting has been increasing.
You voted more people on Election Day for the March Primary than you did for 2012 General Election!
Using the previous trend lines, I project an increase of over 7,000 voters during the One-Stop Voting period and a 3,159 voter decrease on Election Day compared against 2012.
What did we learn?

Let’s talk about new precinct/site additions for the 2016 General Election based on your feedback and directive of the Board of Elections.
New Officials Orientation

Following the March primaries, the Board of Elections instituted monthly new officials orientation sessions.
Each precinct will receive precinct officials utilizing the following formula:

- 1 precinct official per every 100 voters projected to turn out with a baseline 10 per precinct. This number may vary depending upon precinct size.

Each precinct will receive an additional person at each station:

- Ballot Distribution
- Help Desk
New Equipment

Dell E5420
BRO-6200
iPad 4
ZEB-DS4308
Equipment Distribution

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| Check-In Stations       | Each precinct will receive check-in laptops based upon the following calculation:  
                          | • 1 laptop for every 1000 voters projected to turn out with a minimum of two per precinct                                                        |
| Help Desk               | Each precinct will receive at least one laptop at the Help Desk  
                          | • H02, W24, W31, and W25 will receive at least two laptops at the Help Desk  
                          | Each laptop designated to the Help Desk will also have a barcode scanner to assist with the provisional data entry process |
| iPads                   | Each precinct will receive an iPad for the Pre Check-In Coordinator                                                                                   |
| Voting Booths           | Voting booths will be distributed at 1 per every 65 voters projected to turnout                                                                      |
Each Help Desk laptop will also have a barcode scanner that can be used for provisional data entry if a voter volunteers an NC Driver’s License or NC Special Identification Card for Non-Operators. We want to do everything we can to speed up the provisional process at the Help Desk!
Each laptop operator will now receive a mouse pad (Big stuff, we know!). Each laptop operator will also receive a folder to place miscellaneous paperwork that is received throughout the day (cancelled ATVs, duplicate transfer sheets, etc.).
Each precinct will receive a paper poll book to be used when the electronic poll book is not functioning properly. This will only be activated if computers are not operational.
Let’s take a look at the new Election Official Resource Portal! It is still under development, but we are releasing it following this session to all precinct officials. As Chief Judges and Judges, you will be able to sign up for classes here today!

electionofficials.nhcvote.com
Board of Elections staff has been working non-stop to create positional quick reference cards for both Election Day and the One-Stop Voting Period.
Supply Pick-Up

For the 2016 General Election, Chief Judges will pick up supplies on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at the Board of Elections Office. You will be able to sign up for supply pick up following the Retrospective.
Beginning with the 2016 General Election, the Board of Elections will be implementing a separate call center for precinct officials. This call center will be dedicated to precinct officials only and will not receive any calls from the public. This will ensure that we are able to respond faster to inquiries.
Supply returns will occur in Suite 34 at the Government Center. This room is two doors down from the Board of Elections Office and will provide more space for supply return audits. At the Chief Judge and Judge General Overview session, we will discuss the new supply return workflow. It is now going to be extremely important that you ensure that everything is returned completed and in its proper location!
We would like to introduce your F.O.C.U.S. group members for the remainder of the calendar year. In the coming weeks, they will be meeting for the second time since the 2016 Primaries, to review our documentation and process plans ahead of the 2016 General Election.
## 2016 Members

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Next Steps
Questions?
Don’t forget to see Colby and Elizabeth on your way out regarding training/supply pickup. We will see you all soon!