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YOUR  
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WHAT YOU GET:

- Q&As
- Recording
- Slides
- Hub
- Resources
- Report Form

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POLL:

How many of you have attended CBOE meetings before?
PHASE II: PURPOSE

- what we accomplished together in the unprecedented election year that was 2020
- how new elex rules and developments for 2021 will make this year different
- how a CBOE membership will conduct business in 2021
In the past ten years, CBOE Monitoring has:

- won strong early voting plans
- significantly increased Sunday voting
- defeated efforts to cut voting access
- encouraged transparency
- made sure county elections are properly funded
- assured poll workers are adequately trained
- verified all eligible votes are counted
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **ROWAN COUNTY:** Supplies for safe voting!
- **ROCKINGHAM COUNTY:** Poll workers for more access!
- **MECKLENBURG & FORSYTH:** Eligible votes counted!
Voter turnout was up in all 100 counties and more than 75% of registered voters cast a ballot, setting a new record.

More early voting, including the most sites ever (471), the most hours ever (77,887)

more weekend options than ever, including Sunday voting in the majority of counties

a record 1+ million votes by mail cast, with over 1.4 million requested.

More of every voter voted.
NEW RULES?

✓ Poll worker precinct recruitment flexibility expires?
✓ Single witness signature requirement expires?
✓ Online Absentee Ballot Request Portal expires?
LIST MAINTENANCE

- Black registered voters were more likely to be removed.
- Multiracial voters, Indigenous voters, and Latinx voters were also over-represented in the removals.
- Younger adults were particularly impacted.
REDISTRICTING
Who Decides?

Appointed State Board Members
5 members

Appointed County Elections Board
5 members

Paid County Elections Staff
includes the county director
County BOE Structure

Chair
PHASE I: GOALS

- Make sure counties are providing notice and access to meetings and opportunities for public comment
- Learn if counties are educating voters about county removals
- Report how counties are responding to election rules changes
- Find out county plans to fund elections and how much
- Document changes to BOE membership and impacts
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POLL 2:

How many of you know whether your town or city is supposed to have an election this year and when it is?
PHASE III: SHARED GOALS

✅ Building Education, Advocacy, and Relationships

- Contact your county: specific questions, meeting times and election info
- Witness elections process (decisions, policies and administration)
- Attend meetings and observe topics closely
- Speak out during public comment (e.g. budgets, voting access)
- Takes notes on meeting agenda topics
- Use our BOE Monitoring Report Form to report back
PHASE III: SHARED GOALS

☑️ Election Admin “Fixes”

- Onslow County: worked with the USPS to prevent additional costs for mailing an absentee ballot to the CBOE
- Caswell County: advocated that SBOE increase resources for the county so the office could stay open longer, and with more staffing
- Cabarrus County: proactively worked with the Chair to correct an issue of miscoded absentee ballots erroneously sent to some voters
PHASE III: SHARED GOALS

✅ What we do with the info you gather

- Redirect problems to the attention of elections officials
- Identify trends, or solutions, that can help your county or others
- Help advocates advance legislation or litigation
PHASE IV: EXPECTATIONS

What to Expect when you Call

Now you’re ready to call your county to determine things like:

• When will our county meet again?
• Will they offer virtual options for meeting/comment? What?
• When will budgets be discussed?
• Will the county be hosting municipal elections this year? What?
PHASE IV: EXPECTATIONS

What to Expect at the Meetings

Ready to attend a county BOE meeting to determine things like:
• Your county budget for elections?
• When the county commission may meet to discuss it?
• Latest expenditures, including list maintenance education?
• How the director/members are talking about municipal elections and other election changes?
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What to Expect at the Meetings

- These are public meetings. We’re entitled to attend, but the boards may not be used to people caring about what goes on, esp. at these preliminary meetings.

- Don’t be intimidated. You have a right to be there and observe.

- Don’t be afraid to ask county board staff if there are any mechanisms for public input. This can be phrased delicately, e.g., “Can we ask a question if we can’t understand what is being said, so the public can follow what is happening?”
PHASE IV: WHAT TO DO!

✓ Getting Intel — Reporting Back

- Contacting your county
- Taking notes
- Reporting out (demnc.co/boemonitor)
- Be a success
POLL 3:
How many of you feel anxiety about contacting your county board officials to find out info or attending meetings?
FUN PART:

Meet your regional contact — (choose your region)
WHAT'S NEXT?

☑ Recorded training
☑ Slide deck
☑ BOE Monitoring Hub
☑ Resources
☑ Report Form

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CONTACT US:
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POLL 4:

How many of you feel more confident with CBOE Monitoring now than before this training?
Q&A

LAST CHANCE: demnc.co/boemonitor
THANK YOU!!!

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