



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting

Agenda

October 18, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Appointment of Observers
8. Other Business
9. Closed Session (if necessary)
10. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 3rd floor Professional Development Center on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at **5:03** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper arriving at 5:21 p.m.

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Sakoiya Funderburk, Carma Buchannan, Nakita Green, Jason Lerman

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Robert Durrah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Robert Durrah led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Doomy moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 11, 2022, as submitted; Member Harvey seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Observers

Director Tsujii presented to the Board observer lists for both the Democratic and Republican parties for October 20, 2022 and October 21, 2022. Lists include both site specific and at-large observers. All observers must be registered to vote, be of good moral character, and may not be a candidate on the ballot. Member Doomy moved to accept both the at-large and site specific observers as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Chairperson Durrah and Board discussed peel and stick option for absentee ballot envelopes for future elections. Topic to be revisited in 2023 and Director Tsujii to provide the Board with envelope sealing options if so directed.

Voter Challenges presented to the Board by Director Tsujii.

A voter mailed in an absentee ballot to Forsyth County and has since moved and registered to vote in Mecklenburg County, NC. The voted absentee ballot mailed to Forsyth County needs be challenged by the Board since the voter is no longer eligible to vote in Forsyth and must vote in Mecklenburg County, NC. Member Doomy moved to challenge the voted absentee ballot; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A Forsyth County registered voter submitted a request for an absentee ballot in May of this year and moved within the county after her ballot request for her previous address was mailed out. The voter used the incorrect ballot to cast her absentee vote and is being sent a ballot for her new location. Member Draper moved to challenge the ballot submitted for the incorrect address; member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Michelle Bobadilla, Deputy Director, presented the Board with 896 total absentee ballots for review and 51 total ballots to be disapproved. Of the 896 ballots to approve, 886 were civilian ballots, 8 were overseas ballots, and 2 were military ballots.

Member Doomy moved to approve the 896 approved ballots and to disapprove 51 ballots; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess:

Chairperson Durrah called for the Board to recess at **6:47 p.m.**

Board Reconvene:

Chairperson Durrah called for the Board to reconvene at **7:26 pm.**

Board discusses a ballot to be remarked due to marking outside of an oval. Board reached a consensus of remarking.

27 ballots did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears and folds: all (Number) were marked spoiled; the board members duplicated the (Number) ballots that were spoiled and those were scanned through the high-speed central counter.

Board Recess:

Chairperson Durrah called for the Board to recess at **7:35 p.m.**

Board Reconvene:

Chairperson Durrah called for the Board to reconvene at **8:39 pm.**

Board Members signed absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots.

Adjournment

Member Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved:

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s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Secretary

s:/Chad Doomy

Member

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member