



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda October 24, 2024– 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2nd Floor Board Room on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at **2:00** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Macy Payne

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Robert L. Durrah, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chair Robert L. Durrah, Jr. led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Macy Payne, Absentee Ballots Manager, presented 1,151 civilian absentee ballots for review and approval. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to approve the 1,151 civilian absentee ballots with photo ID's; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Recess: Chairperson Durrah called for recess at 3:38 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairperson Durrah called to reconvene the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Mrs. Payne presented 141 civilian photo ID exemption absentee ballots, 1 accepted cure absentee ballot, and 10 pending absentee ballots for review. Member Draper moved to approve the 10 pending to accepted ballots, 141 photo ID exception ballots, and 1 accepted cure to accepted ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented 31 overseas and 6 military ballots for review. Member Draper moved to approve the ballots as presented; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented 6 spoiled, 34 witness' missing, 29 pending cures, and 2 early voting spoiled ballots for review and disapproval by the Board. Member Draper moved to disapprove 6 spoiled, 34 witness issues, 29 pending cures, and 2 early voting spoiled ballots; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ballots that did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears, folds, or water damage were marked spoiled. The board members duplicated the ballots that were spoiled, and the ballots were properly scanned through the high-speed central counter.

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

Board Members signed Zero Reports for the DS450 high-speed scanner.

Appointment of Early Voting Workers

Mr. Tsujii requested the Board to table this item. Secretary Doomy moved to table the appointment of Early Voting workers; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Overseers

Mr. Tsujii presented the updated list of observers for the Republican and Democratic parties. Vice Chair Jourdan motioned to approve the lists as provided; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Closed Session at 4:41 p.m.

Chairperson Durrah requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Secretary Doomy motioned to go into closed session; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Shannon Hutchins, Human Resources Director, and Director Tim Tsujii

Reconvene: Chairperson called to reconvene the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Ballots that did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears, folds, or water damage were marked spoiled. The board members duplicated the ballots that were spoiled, and the ballots were properly scanned through the high-speed central counter.

Other Business

Mr. Tsujii presented an absentee ballot from October 8, 2024 for a voter who passed away on October 10, 2024 which was noted on the Death Report which was received on October 16, 2024 from the State. The voters status has been removed. Per Numbered Memo 2022-05 the absentee ballot should go through the challenge process. Member Draper moved to challenge said voters ballot; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Write-In votes tallied.

Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

Chairperson Durrah requested a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), and upon completion of the closed session meeting to recess the meeting until Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. upon adjournment of the closed session. Secretary Doomy motioned to go into closed session; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii

Recess of Meeting 6:28 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened: Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting from Thursday, October 24, 2024 at **2:00** p.m. on October 29, 2024

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Macy Payne

Chairperson Durrah addressed the Board and members of the public:

“In order to keep the board of elections members and the attending public informed, we will have a fire drill today to insure that county employees, Board of Elections personnel and the general public can make timely egress from the County Building in the event of an emergency requiring such departure.

Please be advised that we will safeguard all voting materials both utilized by voters and those stored for future use as we are required to do in order to ensure the integrity of voters' choices in the ongoing elections process, and the materials needed to submit those choices as required by law. It is our intention and responsibility to provide for resiliency and a secure chain of custody of all the necessary items needful for the voting process and for voters. We will do our utmost to supply all that voters and the voting systems need to ensure a fair and efficacious elections process regardless of the circumstances we must overcome in order to do so.

Thank you for your patience and confidence in our county's systems and processes required to deliver public votes to our state for tallying as a result of public voting.”

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Mr. Tsujii requested that the Board table this agenda item due to the impending fire drill. Secretary Doomy moved to table the agenda item; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Mr. Tsujii presented two early voting ballots that did not run through the tabulator and need to be remarked by the Board. The Board remarked the two ballots and signed the zero report from the scanner.

Recess: Chairperson Durrah called recess at 2:14 p.m. for the fire drill.

Reconvene: Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Member Draper returned to the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Vice Chair Jourdan departs meeting at 3:42 p.m. and returns at 3:36 p.m.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Mrs. Payne presented a total of 1,129 civilian absentee ballot with photo ID's to the Board to review and approve. Member Draper moved to approve the 1,129 civilian absentee ballots with photo ID; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Jourdan absent.**

Mrs. Payne presented 7 total pending cure and 30 accepted cure ballots for review and approval by the Board. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the 7 pending cure and 30 accepted cure ballots; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented 135 photo ID exemption ballots for review and approval. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the ballots as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert L. Durrah, Jr.
Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan
Vice Chair

s:/Alfred Harvey
Member

s:/Adam Draper
Member