



**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Board Meeting: Canvass**

**Agenda**

**November 15, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Hearings for Voter Challenges
6. Report on Hand-to-Eye Audit
7. Report on Audit and Reconciliation
8. Certification of the 2024 General Election
9. Other Business
10. Closed Session (if necessary)
11. Adjournment

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room on Friday, November 15, 2024, at **11:00** a.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, Tricia Starkey, Macy Payne, Adam Clark, Jay Lerman, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla

**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**

Chairperson Robert L. Durrah, Jr. called for public comments, providing two minutes per speaker:

Jason Durgala: 1314 N Peace Haven Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Secretary Doomy moved to close public comments; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Hearings for Voter Challenges**

Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that there were a total of 97 voter challenges. Chairperson Durrah asked the public if there was anyone present who was there to speak as representation or an individual challenged.

Ms. Diana Robles-Aguilar informed the Board that she has moved from Forsyth County to Buncombe County and is registered in Buncombe County. However, she voted in Forsyth County and would like her early voting ballot approved. Mr. Tsujii was sworn in and provided testimony. Secretary Doomy moved to sustain the challenge; Member Draper seconded.

**Motion carried 3-2 with Chairperson Durrah and Member Harvey voting nay.**

Mr. Tsujii presented the remaining 96 challenges which were made up of 4 voters double voting, 17 voters with felony's, 54 voters having moved out of the county, and 21 voters being removed due to being deceased on election day. Mr. Tsujii was sworn in to give testimony on these challenges. Member Draper moved to sustain the 96 voter challenges; Member Havey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairperson Durrah departs meeting at 11:57 p.m. and returns at 11:59 p.m.

**Recess:** Chairperson Durrah called for recess at 12:02 p.m.

**Readjourn:** Chairperson Durrah readjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

### **Absentee Ballots**

Macy Payne, Absentee Ballots Manger, presented a total of 5 absentee ballots that had been cured to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

**Report on Audit and Reconciliation**

Adam Clark, Elections Systems Manager, presented to the Board the Vote History Audit and Reconciliation Report, which showed a 0.06 % discrepancy margin. Member Draper moved to accept the report on audit and reconciliation as submitted; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Report on Hand-to-Eye Audit**

Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla presented to the Board that a bipartisan team performed the hand-to-eye audit. The State Board of Elections randomly selected two precincts, 904 and 31, for the audit. Mrs. Bobadilla explained that the sample audit count is required by statute and helps ensure the reliability of election results tabulated by a machine. The audit is a comparison of the machine counts with hand-to-eye counts completed as a test to ensure voting equipment reads the voter's choices accurately. Mrs. Bobadilla reported that no discrepancies were found. Secretary Doomy moved to accept the hand-to-eye audit; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairperson Durrah departs meeting at 12:22 p.m. and returns 12:30 p.m.

**Recess at 4:21 p.m.:** Chairperson Durrah called for a motion to recess until Monday, November 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Doomy moved to recess; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Reconvene:** Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. on November 18, 2024

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy (by phone/video), Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii, Tricia Starkey, Jay Lerman, Kay Moore

## **Other Business**

### Voter Challenges:

Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that two additional representatives for voter challenges were present.

Both the challenged voter and Mr. Tsujii were sworn in to give testimony. A voter who has the same name and date of birth as an individual in Onslow County has their voter registration confused with the other voter. The voters ballot was challenged on November 15, 2025 due to her information showing she lived in Onslow County. This was incorrect. Per Mr. Tsujii, this information was confirmed with Onslow County. Voter is requesting her challenged ballot is overruled. Vice chair Jourdan moved to overrule the challenged ballot and to reinstate the vote; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Will Robertson, Attorney for Brooks Pierce Law Firm, represented 4 voters whose ballots were returned as undeliverable and not counted. Four original affidavits and a copy of Voto Latino v. Hirsch were submitted into evidence. Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that Randolph County had had the same situation and per guidance from Paul Cox, State Board of Elections Attorney, that it was “too late” to provide evidence and have this issue reviewed. No action taken by the Board.

## **Approval of Provisional Ballots**

Kay Moore, Voter Registration Manager, presented to the Board the provisional ballots for review. A total of 3,075 ballots were presented with 1,179 for approval, 474 for partial approval, and 1422 for disapproval. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to approve 1,179 ballots and 474 partially approved ballots, and to disapprove 1422 ballots; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Recess:** Chairperson Durrah called for recess at 3:00 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Chairperson Durrah reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

## **Tabulation of Provisional Ballots**

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

**Recess:** Chairperson Durrah called for recess at 5:12 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Chairperson Durrah reconvened at 5:31 p.m.

Write-In Votes tallied,

Provisional Ballot reports signed by the Board.

**Certification of the 2024 General Election**

Mr. Tsujii presented to the Board that there was no additional information to report regarding the certification of the 2024 election results.

Member Draper moved to certify the November 5, 2024 General Election; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Members signed the Abstract Cover Sheet.

Board Members signed the Results Report by Contest.

Board Members signed Results Report by Precinct.

**Adjournment**

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**  
Meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert L. Durrah, Jr.  
Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan  
Vice Chair

s:/Alfred Harvey  
Member

s:/Adam Draper  
Member