

# **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Ken Raymond**  
Chairman

**Stuart Russell**  
Secretary

**Fleming El-Amin**  
Member



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## **Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2016**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

A regular meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on February 23, 2016. The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Lamar Joyner, Kimberly Stuck, and Monica Gary

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

### **Public Comment Session**

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have two minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

Ronald Buchanan – 1772 Huntington Woods Ct., Winston Salem, NC 27103

Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond addressed Mr. Buchanan's comments regarding the use of Winston Salem State University as a polling location as well as the period in which sites were considered. Member El-Amin thanked Mr. Buchanan for his comments; Secretary Russell provided that the current plan did offer sites around the university. Member El-Amin noted that he has written a letter of protest to the Governor regarding the outcome of the hearing.

### **Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Ms. Gary recommended 187 stateside absentee ballots for approval and 11 UOCAVA absentee ballots for approval of the Board, 16 absentee ballots were disapproved due to missing signatures and/or changed party; they were re-issued to the ballot holders for resubmission. Chairman Raymond moved to accept staff recommendations as presented,

Secretary Russell motioned; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Joyner asked for the floor to request the approval of the Board to pre-process absentee ballots, noting that the ballots would be secured in a locked conference room. Board gave the go ahead to pre-process the absentee ballots.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Raymond opened discussion of the Director's Duties document; noting that Item #10 was the only item that would need to be updated to reflect the changes made last year so that it could be forwarded on to the State Board of Elections.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Raymond moved for approval of the minutes dated February 16, 2016 with the addition of the word "he" on page 3, paragraph 7, and second sentence before "would"; Secretary Russell motioned, Member El-Amin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Interim Director Joyner asked to address the Board and the Public to provide an update on voter registration and poll-worker training; Mr. Joyner advised that voter registration closed February 19, 2016, the 10th training session had been completed, and that a make-up day for assistance was being planned. Mr. Joyner stated that ads had been placed in the local papers announcing the early voting sites and times.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved:

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Ken Raymond, Chairman

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Date

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Stuart Russell, Secretary

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Date

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Fleming El-Amin, Member

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Date