



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments

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5. Approval of Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Approval of Observers
8. Other Business
9. Closed Session (if necessary)
10. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2020 – 5 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor Professional Development Center on September 29, 2020 at 5:03 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Danielle Malone, Carlton Morgan, Adam Clark, Kanitha Englebert, Kay Moore, Abigail Hackworth, Evan Milligan, Holly Mathis and Jordan Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments. Caller Sam Villegas, 2581 Lockwood Drive, Winston Salem, NC had comments and questions. He thanked the Board and staff for their service and dedication. He asked if we can report the number of Absentee Ballots that were approved. The number of Absentee Ballots that were disapproved. How many will need to be reviewed by the Board members? And how many will be scanned by the end of the meeting?

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Durrah moved to approve September 17, 2020 meeting minutes with a correction of the date that was pointed out by Member Russell; Member Russell seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Approval of Elected Officials

Director Tsujii requested to revise the meeting order to enable Ms. Malone to submit the Elected Officials list for review and approval. Ms. Malone explained the situation of a previous Judge's status. Member Jourdan moved to approve the Elected Officials as submitted; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Director Tsujii thanked Ms. Gary and her team for their outstanding work. He reported Forsyth County Board of Elections staff processed an enormous amount of Absentee Ballot requests. Director Tsujii described how the staff had to pre-sort the returned ballots according to how the voters completed the returned envelopes. The required fields are the voter's signature and the witness's signature printed name, address. If the voter received assistance marking or mailing the ballot, the assistant's name, address and signature must be completed on the envelope. Staff had to review the returned ballot envelopes for discrepancies. Any ballots that were disapproved were set aside for review by the Board Members. Ms. Gary submitted 9,143 Civilian, 143 Military/Overseas ballots for approval and 452 for disapproval and 5 for the Board for consideration; noting the grand total of ballots 9,743.

Member Russell asked for the explanation of the curing process for deficient ballots. Director Tsujii replied that the North Carolina State Board of Elections (memo numbered 2020-19) provided instructions on curing returned ballots. A copy of the curing memo was provided to the Board members.

Chairperson Campbell asked if a voter can look up their registration and ballot to for curing indication. Director Tsujii replied no. BallotTrax does not provide this information. The voter who has discrepancies will be contacted by mail, phone or email or they may contact the Elections Office.

Secretary Durrah announced the commencement of the review of the absentee ballots based on North Carolina State Board of Elections memo 2020-25. Director Tsujii assured the Board members that the high speed two tabulating machine have been cleared and ready for scanning.

Member Loughridge joined the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Chairperson Campbell moved to approve 9143 approved ballots and 452 disapproved ballots. Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board members signed the results. Director Tsujii said that at the next Board meeting scheduled for October 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, we will continue reviewing the absentee ballots. Deputy Director Bobadilla recited the recessing process based on the directives stated in the North Carolina State Board of Elections Memo 2020-25.

Director Tsujii reported that 4,653 ballots were scanned. The tabulation of the absentee ballot votes will not be posted until Election day. Board members were asked to sign reports.

Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn immediately following closed session; Member Loughridge seconded; Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member