



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Video Conference Canvass Board Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

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

If you wish to speak, please click on this link <https://meet.google.com/okk-hxdo-wxj> at 10:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting and inform the Board Clerk. You will be recognized to speak during the public comment period in the order you have joined the meeting. The Chairperson will also ask for any additional speakers before the meeting is called to order.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Board Challenges of Absentee Voters
7. Report on Hand-to-Eye Sample Audit
8. Report on Election Audit and Reconciliation
9. Certification of Election Results
10. Other Business Closed Session (if necessary)
11. Closed Session (if necessary)
12. Canvass Meeting Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order on November 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.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 Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Danielle Malone, Carlton Morgan, Adam Clark, Kanitha Davis-Englebert and John Benson

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

Public Comments:

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments.

Jake Gellar-Goad, 610 Ransom Road, Winston-Salem – 27106.

Jake Gellar-Goad, Wake Forest Campus Organizing Director, thanked the Board of Elections members and staff for their hard work in such a challenging election year.

Member Jourdan also had public comments. She explained that although Board Members may have different views, they are compassionate, logical thinkers that want to be consistent in their decision-making. She concluded by saying that having a Board with different views allows for better and informed decisions.

Secretary Durrah moved to close the public comment session; seconded by Member Loughridge. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes were not addressed in this meeting.

Board Challenges of Absentee Voters:

Director Tsujii presented three challenged ballots. The first challenged ballot was an absentee by-mail ballot delivered to the wrong address. The person at the wrong residence completed the absentee ballot using their own information and returned the absentee ballot to the Board of Elections. The actual requestor of the absentee ballot was informed through the Ballotrax system that the Board of Elections had received their absentee ballot. After clarification from the requestor, the Board of Elections staff retrieved the absentee ballot and verified that the wrong voter had cast that ballot. Director Tsujii shared with the Board that the Board of Elections had contacted the wrong voter to verify that he did not request the absentee ballot. The actual requestor of the absentee ballot shared with the Board of Elections that he voted in person instead. Member Russell moved to sustain the challenge of the absentee ballot; seconded by Secretary Durrah. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The second challenged ballot was from a One-Stop Early Voting site. The voter went to the Harper Hill Commons location on October 15, 2020 to cast a ballot. It was later determined by the daily list maintenance report that the voter was currently registered in Rockingham County. Therefore, the voter was not eligible to vote in Forsyth County. The Board of Elections staff was not able to contact the voter by phone and the only address on file was in Forsyth County. Member Loughridge moved to sustain the challenge of the ballot from the voter registered in Rockingham County; seconded by Secretary Durrah. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The third challenged ballot was an absentee by-mail ballot. The voter sent the ballot to our office and it was received, approved and pre-processed. However, the voter also went to vote in person and was given a provisional ballot. The voter requested for the absentee ballot to be spoiled because the voter believed there was a mistake in one of the choices made on the absentee ballot. Secretary Durrah moved to sustain the challenge of the absentee ballot; seconded by Member Loughridge. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Hand to Eye Audit:

Deputy Director Bobadilla reported that a hand to eye audit was performed on November 10, 2020. The Deputy Director explained that the State Board of Elections had randomly selected Precinct 901 – Reynolds High School and the Winston Lake Family YMCA One-Stop Early Voting location for the audit. Mrs. Bobadilla reported that Precinct 901 had 233 total votes cast and the hand to eye audit resulted in an exact match to the DS200 tabulator results tape on Election Day. The Winston Lake Family YMCA One-Stop Early Voting location had 3,093 total votes cast and the hand to eye audit resulted in an exact match to the totals of ballots tabulated during the early voting period. Secretary Durrah moved to accept the hand to eye audit report; seconded by Member Russell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Report on Election Audit and Reconciliation:

Mr. Clark presented to the Board Members an Audit and Reconciliation report for their review. He reported a .04% margin error and expressed it being consistent to the low margin of error as in the Primary election. Member Jourdan moved to accept the report; seconded by Member Russell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business:

Director Tsujii reported two ballots that were not able to scan at the polling place and that were to be tabulated during the Canvass meeting. He also reported that an absentee ballot was returned to our office but was heavily damaged. He passed around the damaged absentee ballot for The Board to review. The absentee ballot envelope met all legal requirements and was postmarked. Secretary Durrah moved to accept the damaged absentee ballot and duplicating it so the tabulator would be able to read the ballot; seconded by Member Jourdan. Members Russell and Loughridge opposed. **Motion carried 3-2.**

Certification of Election Results

Board Members were asked to certify the Election Results. Member Russell had concerns about the certification results in regards to the cure certification process. Member Russell moved to certify the election results excluding the votes as a result of the cure certifications and the ballots received after November 6th; seconded by Member Loughridge. Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah and Member Jourdan opposed. **Motion failed 2-3.** Secretary Durrah moved to approve the Certification and Election Results report; seconded by Member Jourdan. Members Russell and Loughridge opposed. **Motion carried 3-2.**

Director Tsujii directed the Board Members to sign the Canvass Abstract Cover Sheet report, the Block Style Report, the Results by Contest report and the Results by Precinct report.

Ms. Malone presented the Board with the zero reports for the high-speed scanners.

Director Tsujii asked the Board to sign the Supplemental Absentee Certificate report and the Abstract of Votes report.

Canvass Meeting Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Loughridge. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell

Chair

s/ Robert Durrah

Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell

Member

s/ John Loughridge

Member

s/Catherine Jourdan

Member