

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Ken Raymond**  
Chairman

**Stuart Russell**  
Secretary

**Fleming El-Amin**  
Member



**Tim Tsujii**  
Director

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Agenda**

**November 07, 2016 – 4 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Absentee Ballots
6. Review of Re-marked Absentee Ballots
7. Appointment of Observers
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes
9. Closed Session (If needed)
10. Adjournment

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 07, 2016 – 4 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor meeting room on November 07, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Chairman Raymond presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Joyner, Chris Duffey, Monica Gary and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: Assistant County Attorney – Lonnie Albright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Raymond called for public comments; none present.

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

**Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Director Tsujii requested Approval of Absentee Ballots be tabled to allow for review of remarked ballots.

**Review of Re-marked Absentee Ballots**

Board performed a review of the remarked absentee ballots that were completed by the staff prior to meeting; the Board also participated in the remark and review process of additional absentee ballots for timeliness.

**Appointment of Observers**

Director Tsujii provided statute clarification for the submission and approval of the observer appointments. Mr. Albright requested verification of Bowman Gray as a real person; Director Tsujii confirmed Mr. Gray's registration, providing that those wishing to be observers must be registered at the time their names are submitted. Board reviewed both the Republican and Democratic lists, Chairman Raymond inquired if any objections; Member El-Amin motioned to approve observers presented, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii stated that the Department of Justice (DOJ) poll monitors were in Forsyth and were only collecting data. Mr. Tsujii did advise that the DOJ does have the ability to interact with the voters, and will have identification from the DOJ. Secretary Russell inquired if they would be entering the voting enclosures and if they would be gaining custody of the machines or ballots. Director Tsujii assured the Board that the DOJ monitors cannot interfere with the voting process. Secretary Russell inquired of the statute that allowed them to access voters, Director Tsujii noted that he would look into their authority. Chairman Raymond noted that he would like to know the questions being asked by the observers.

Director Tsujii presented an overview of the Early Voting numbers to the Board, stating that Forsyth County had voted approximately 105,000 voter's which was comparable to the 2012 Election totals. Mr. Tsujii also stated that Forsyth County had processed a record number of curbside ballots, 4,000 new registrations, and preprocessing had not begun, advising that the next meeting will potentially be a long one. Director Tsujii also provided an overview of the statistics and discussed the audit process. Member El-Amin inquired if temporary staff were available to assist in the audit process, Director Tsujii confirmed that they were available to assist.

Director Tsujii addressed a few concerns from the Early Voting sites; one involving a poll worker and a voter who was unhappy, second involved a confrontation between a poll worker and a candidate. Mr. Tsujii stated he was pleased to report minimal issues seen at the Early Voting sites.

Chairman Raymond offered his congratulations on the Early Voting app and inquired of site hits for using the voting app. Director Tsujii stated that the site had received approximately 62,000 hits. Mr. Tsujii also noted that the visiting Auburn University Instructors would be mentioning the Early Voting app in their book.

#### **Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Ms. Gary recommended 4828 Absentee ballots for approval and 46 for disapproval. Chairman Raymond called for questions or comments from the Board members. Member El-Amin motioned to accept staff recommendations, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Russell inquired if the information in the Absentee notebook was public; Director Tsujii stated that it is public on the State site. Secretary Russell inquired about a Yvonne M. Gonzales of Charlotte, North Carolina and a Yvonne Marie Gonzales of Kernersville; wanting to know how to insure they are not duplicate registrations. Director Tsujii stated the social security number would limit the ability to have a duplicate registration.

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the first and last page of the 115,465 page Absentee report; noting the full report will be scanned to State with signatures.

The Board asked many questions regarding registration scenarios which included students, and citizens on probation. Director Tsujii addressed the questions stating that if students declare Forsyth County to be their residence it would cancel their registrations elsewhere. Citizens on probation are reviewed through access to the criminal database.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Director Tsujii requested that the Approval of Meeting Minutes be tabled to allow for additional

remark and review of absentee ballots.

**Closed Session**

Chairman Raymond inquired of any business for closed session; none provided.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Raymond called to adjourn; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Board of Elections Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2016

Approved:

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Ken Raymond, Chair

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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