



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Preliminary Consideration of Elections Protest

March 25, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting Called to Order

A telephonic meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the Board of Elections on March 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, and Kimberly Stuck

Other: Forsyth County Assistant Attorney – Lonnie Albright

Addition of Business Item to Agenda

Chairperson Campbell moved to add an agenda item after the preliminary consideration of elections protests to consider the temporary closure of the office and modification of work schedule for staff; Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Preliminary Consideration of Elections Protests

The Board began considerations of the protests filed by JoAnne Allen, Eunice Campbell, Phillip Carter and Carolyn Highsmith as well as amended protests filed by JoAnne Allen, Eunice Campbell, and Carolyn Highsmith.

Forsyth County Assistant Attorney Albright advised that the Board should consider if the protests substantially met the form requirements and if probable cause was established. Mr. Albright advised that evidence would not be presented as part of the hearing nor would protestors be heard; however, both documents would be considered to make determination.

The Board reviewed both the protest and the amended protest finding that the protests were properly and timely filed. The Board discussed the allegations presented in both the protest and the amended protest to establish if probable cause had been met. Member Russell moved to dismiss the protests and amended complaint for failure to establish probable cause; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Temporary Office Closure and Work Schedule Modification

Director Tsujii requested the approval of the Board of Elections Continuity of Operations plan, teleworking agreement, and closure of the office to the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Member Jourdan moved to approve the Continuity of Operations plan, the Forsyth County Board of Elections Teleworking Agreement for staff, and the temporary closure of the office to the public; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member