



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting

Agenda

October 25, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Appointment of Observers
8. Other Business
9. Closed Session (if necessary)
10. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 3rd floor Professional Development Center on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at **5:02** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper (5:29 p.m. arrival)

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Louise Lash, Sakoiya Funderburk, Carma Buchannan, Nakita Green, Adam Clark, Jason Lerman, Ethan Thao, Sheema Taylor, Bella Thao

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Robert Durrah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Robert Durrah led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Doomy moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 18, 2022, as submitted; Member Harvey seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Voter Challenges presented to the Board by Director Tsujii

A voter went to a One-Stop Early Voting location and upon stating their name the poll worker was unable to locate the voter's record. The poll worker requested the DOB of the voter in order to find the record and the voter became upset and left the polling place. The voter then returned and with the assistance of the Site Lead, they were able to find the voter's registration record and cast a ballot. However, both the Site Lead and the poll worker noticed that the DOB for the voter did not match the age of the person actually

voting. The Site Lead issued a Voter Challenge. The voter did come forward and admitted that he voted in place of his son. The voter in question is listed as a Republican Party observer and is scheduled as an Election Day Chief Judge. Director Tsujii presented the previous information to the Board for their review regarding if the individual should be an observer or Election Day Chief Judge. Member Doomy moved to remove the voter from the observer list and from the appointment as a precinct official due to a pending voter challenge; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board directed Director Tsujii to both notify the Forsyth County Republican Party and the individual in question.

Appointment of Observers

Director Tsujii presented to the Board the observer's list for both the Democratic and Republican parties. The Republican party list included site specific observers for October 24, 2022 through November 1, 2022. The Democratic party list included at-large observers for October 24, 2022 through November 5, 2022. Secretary Jourdan moved to accept all observers as presented with the exception of the challenged voter previously in question; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the One-Stop Votes for October 20, 2022 through 8:00 a.m. on October 25, 2022. Member Draper moved to approve the 16,147 votes from October 20 – 25, 2022; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess

Chairman Durrah requested a motion to recess the meeting until Friday, October 28, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Member Doomy moved to approve a Board recess until 10:30 a.m. on October 28, 2022; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess at 5:45 p.m.

Board Reconvene

Chairman Durrah called the Board to reconvene at 10:34 a.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Approval of Voting Machine Testing for General Election

Jason Lerman, Voting Systems Manager, presented to the Board the test results reporting tapes for 2 new voting machines to be used for the General Election. The tapes showed 100% accuracy. Member Harvey motioned to approve the L&A Tests and Report; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Louise Lash, Absentee Voting Manager, presented the Board with 1,030 civilian absentee ballots for review. Mrs. Lash informed the Board that voters who mailed their ballots in with taped envelopes were all contacted. Member Draper moved to approve the 1,030 civilian absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Durrah left the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and returned at 11:07 a.m.

Member Doomy arrives 11:44 a.m.

Mrs. Lash presented the Board with 11 Overseas and 1 Military absentee ballot for review, and 38 absentee ballots for disapproval. Member Draper moves to approve the 11 Overseas and 1 Military absentee ballot and to disapprove 38 absentee ballots; Member Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Observers

Director Tsujii presented to the Board an observer list for the Republican Party for October 25-November 5. Member Draper moved to approve the Republican Party observers list as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Voter Challenges presented to the Board by Director Tsujii.

Review of prior Forsyth County voter challenge for an individual who voted in place of their son and who misrepresented themselves. Member Doomy motioned that the Board continue the voter challenge process for the voter in question; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess

Chairman Durrah called for the Board to recess at 1:08 p.m.

Board Reconvene

Secretary Jourdan called for the Board to reconvene at 1:55 p.m.

The Board reviewed Numbered Memo 5.1.7 regarding marking in “target areas” in relation to a ballot that was marked with a pen that was running out of ink. Board members reach consensus regarding moving forward with the remarking of the said ballot.

Chairman Durrah arrives 2:11 p.m.

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There were 49 ballots that did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears and folds that were marked spoiled. The board members duplicated the ballots that were spoiled, and the ballots were properly scanned through the high-speed central counter.

Board Members signed absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots.

Chairman Durrah called for a motion to amend the vote on disapproved absentee ballots from 38 to 37 ballots. Member Doomy moved to amend the vote disapproving 38 absentee ballots to a total of 37 disapproved absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Member Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member