

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Tim Tsujii
Director

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Agenda – Canvass Meeting
November 16, 2018
11:00 a.m.

1. Canvass Meeting Called to Order
2. Report on Hand-to-Eye Recount Audit
3. Report on Election Audit & Reconciliation
4. Tabulation of Ballots
5. Certification of Election Results
6. Other Business
7. Closed Session (if needed)
8. Adjournment

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2018

Supplemental Absentee Meeting Re-Convene

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called out of recess in the second floor Board Room on November 16, 2018 at 11:10 a.m., Chairman Russell presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Russell, Vice-Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah, and Member Loughridge

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Monica Gary, Albert Armstrong, Tracy Teal and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: Assistant County Attorney – Lonnie Albright

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Russell led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Russell led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Russell called for public comments; none provided. Secretary Durrah moved to close public comments; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Certification of Absentee List and Abstracts

Director Tsujii continued with previous agenda business from meeting November 15, 2018; presenting the Board with the Absentee One-Stop lists for November 06, 2018 and November 15, 2018 for signature. Chairman Russell moved to accept the Absentee One-Stop lists as presented; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Secretary Durrah amended motion with point of clarification; Chairman Russell seconded amendment; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Gary presented Chairman Russell with the Supplemental List Certification in triplicate for signature.

Approval of Provisional Ballots

Director Tsujii reported status of the provisional ballots as follows:

478 – Disapproved

105 – Partial Approvals

427 – Approved

 2 – Provisional ballots cast during Early Voting; ID not provided; voters had been contacted.

 14 – Moved from County

348 – Not Registered or Not Registered Timely

 9 – Denied Voter Status; couldn't verify address

 5 – Registered after deadline

95 – Removed status

 4 – Voters already voted – Board to review duplicates.

Mr. Tsujii provided dispositions for the following Provisional ballots Partially Approved:

- 25 – Voters registered in correct precinct
- 80 – Incorrect ballot due to appearing at wrong precinct

Director Tsujii provided dispositions for the following Approved Provisional ballots:

- 36 – Voter appeared at wrong precinct, but received correct ballot
- 8 – Jurisdictional dispute
- 1 – Voter attempted Same Day Registration and presented ID to Board of Elections
- 375 – Verified Voter Registration
- 37 – Previously Removed which included those removed after failure to vote in Two Federal General Elections or Registered at DMV.
- 14 – Unreported Moves
- 4 – Voter voted under either Jr/Sr.

Secretary Durrah moved to approve Staff recommendations for Provisional ballots; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn meeting at 11:34 a.m.; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Canvass Meeting Called to Order

A Canvass meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor Board Room on November 16, 2018 at 11:35 a.m., Chairman Russell presiding.

Report on Hand-to-Eye Recount Audit

Ms. Teal provided an overview of the Hand-to-Eye Audit Count of the NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1 for Precinct 066 – Piney Grove Elementary School and Precinct 091 – Tobacoville Community Center all votes accounted for and no irregularities were reported. Secretary Durrah moved to accept the audit report; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Report on Election Audit & Reconciliation

Director Tsujii presented a cumulative report with a difference of 15 votes cast/applications signed and provided an overview of the factors that caused the differences which included Provisional ballots being mistakenly fed into the M-100, weather related issues that caused jams in the M-100 requiring ballots to be placed in the emergency bin, and ATV mis-numbering. Director Tsujii stated that there were four instances where the voter had already voted, three of which required Board review. Precinct 055 – Holy Family Catholic Church, spoiled a ballot but it wasn't cancelled. Precinct 063 – East Forsyth Middle School, had a wet ballot that required remarking. Precinct 032 – Northwest Middle School, a provisional ballot was fed through tabulator and Board of Elections staff unable to determine the voter or reconcile the difference. Director Tsujii also noted three additional issues; first, Absentee-by-Mail had three more ballots cast than voted; 650 jams counted two times, the curbside ballot jams made it undiscernible. Secretary Durrah moved to accept Staff recommendations for the 28 discrepancies; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the write-ins for review advising per the North Carolina State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (State Board) instruction five or more write-ins of the same person must be reported and noted that none of the write-in sheets met the criteria for reporting. Vice-

Chairperson Campbell moved to accept write-ins as presented and reviewed; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented the Board with a voter challenge from One-Stop Early Voting at the request of the voter who cast a ballot during Same Day Registration; wanting to vote in Durham County she contacted the Board of Elections office to rectify the matter; the Precinct Official filed the challenge for the Board's consideration. Member Loughridge sustained voter challenge; Chairman Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tsujii presented the Board with three voters that cast two ballots for review of signatures to allow for one ballot to be discounted. The Board and Staff discussed remedies, concluding that the District Attorney could investigate each to determine intent of multiple ballots cast. Chairman Russell moved to discount a ballot but not forward one voter to the District Attorney noting that the signatures did not match; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Russell moved to forward two voters to District Attorney noting that one was a first time voter; Member Loughridge seconded; Chairman Russell, Vice-Chairperson Campbell and Member Loughridge affirmed and Secretary Durrah dissented, **Motion carried 3-1.** Chairman Russell moved to discount duplicate ballots, Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii stated that one ballot was reissued for precautionary purposes at Brown and Douglas due to the iVotronic screen freezing and RTAL paper roll running out of paper requiring the duplicate to be removed. Four voters during Same Day Registration at One-Stop Early Voting did not complete their forms; they were sent a notice requiring it to be completed the day before Canvass; ballots must be discounted due to voters not presenting to complete the form; second notices will be sent.

Mr. Tsujii presented two voters to the Board that voted both during One-Stop Early Voting which generated the initials ABS to be printed on their pollbook label indicating they had already voted; they then presented at their correct precinct on Election Day and voted a provisional ballot. The Board reviewed the signatures.

Chairman Russell called recess at 1:21 p.m.; meeting reconvened at 2:21 p.m.

The Board and Staff reviewed provisional remarks.

Secretary Durrah moved to forward provisional duplicates to the District Attorney for investigation; Chairman Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chairman complimented Tracy on the training and commented that new judges would soon be appointed.

Certification of Election Results

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the Election results for review and approval. Secretary Durrah moved to finalize and certify the election results; Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board thanked the Staff for their hard work.

Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn the meeting; Chairman Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved March 05, 2019:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member

Agenda for November 15, 2018 included for reference

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Supplemental Absentee

November 15, 2018

5 p.m.

1. Supplemental Absentee 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 Ballots
7. Tabulation of Ballots
8. Certification of Absentee Ballot List and Abstracts
9. Approval of Provisional Ballots
10. Review of Provisional Ballots
11. Adjournment