



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Emergency Meeting (Inclement Weather Plan)
Agenda
February 19, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Inclement Weather Plan for One-Stop Early Voting
3. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

An emergency meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor Professional Development Center on February 19, 2020 at 5:09 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

Board Members in attendance by telephone conference:

Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

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

Other: Cornelius Graves – Director of External Relations Winston Salem State University, August Vernon – Winston Salem Office of Emergency Management, Todd Luck – Forsyth County Communications Specialist

Approval of Modified Early Voting Plan due to Inclement Weather

Director Tsujii stated the reason for the emergency meeting was the pending inclement weather and the need for a modification to the Early Voting Plan. Mr. Tsujii deferred to Mr. Vernon for further information. Mr. Vernon stated that the agency was confident that snow was imminent but believed that the impact would be minimal with possible 1-3 inches of snow beginning 10-11 a.m. ending around 11 p.m. Thursday, according to weather service. Mr. Vernon did state that there was the potential for travel to be impacted Thursday and Friday during early hours as temperatures were expected to be in the 20's. Director Tsujii received guidance from the State Board as well as State Board of Elections numbered memo 2020-04 Inclement Weather Memorandum which provides for closures or later opening due to inclement weather.

Director Tsujii speaking to Mr. Vernon inquired if closing Thursday and Friday was necessary or if modified schedule would be more appropriate. Director Tsujii stated that he was unable to reach Winston Salem Recreation Department and Forsyth Tech's Mazie Woodruff Center; Forsyth County Manager – Dudley Watts confirmed that the libraries would be operating on the county's schedule. Mr. Graves stated that the Winston Salem State Emergency Management team is in meeting and will have an additional meeting in the morning about the inclement weather.

Chairperson Campbell moved to modify the hours of One-Stop Early Voting for February 20, 2020 to 8 am to 4 p.m. and February 21, 2020 to 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Member Russell seconded. Chairperson Campbell restated the motion to include a contingency for a second meeting if necessary to modify the hours for Saturday. Member Loughridge moved to approve the motion; Member Russell seconded;
Motion carried unanimously.

Director Tsujii stated that he would notify the State Board of Elections of the modified schedule.

Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn; Chairperson Campbell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member