



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Video Conference Absentee Board Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2020 – 5 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments

If you wish to speak, please click on this link <https://meet.google.com/dim-vuhq-bne> at 4:45 pm on the day of the meeting and inform the Board Clerk. You will be recognized to speak during the public comment period in the order you have joined the meeting. The Chairperson will also ask for any additional speakers before the meeting is called to order.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Pre-processing of Absentee Ballots
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order on October 20, 2020 at 5:07 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gray, Kanitha Davis-Englebert, Danielle Malone, Shante' Blakes, Angela Jones, Molly Southern, Holly Mathis, Adrienne Bohlen, and Sherry Glen

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell called for a moment of silence.

Public Comments

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments, providing two minutes for each speaker: No public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Campbell moved to approve the October 13th and October 15th, 2020, meeting minutes; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Ms. Gary reported that there were 4584 Civilian ballots, 5 Military ballots and 36 Over-seas ballots equaling a total of 4625 ballots.

Ms. Gary reported that there were 251 disapproved ballots. Of the 251 disapproved ballots, 91 voters had voted in person during the One-Stop Early Voting. She informed the Board of the 52 cure letters mailed out to the following voters: 16 of those were for missing the voter's required signature or information and 36 of the remaining cure letters were to address missing required witnesses' information, 108 of the disapproved voters could not be cured and were sent new ballots with an explanation of the deficiency.

Director Tsujii also explained State Board of Elections Numbered Memo 2020-23 In-Person Return of Absentee Ballots that directs the Board of Elections on returning of absentee ballots in person and maintaining a written log.

The Director asked the Board Members to sign the zero report for both high-speed scanners. All Board Members signed the report.

Ms. Gary asked the Board Members for approval of seven absentee ballots requiring cure certification letters. Member Russell motioned to approve; Seconded by Member Loughridge. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii asked for the approval of 43,251 Early Voters One Stop applications as of 10/19/2020. Member Jourdan motion to approve; Seconded by Secretary Durrah. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii provided list of Republican Observers for approval. Member Loughridge motioned; Seconded by Member Russell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii asked for the Boards directive in regards to an absentee ballot they previously reviewed. A returned absentee ballot was completed by a person who received it at their address, but the person never requested an absentee ballot. This person proceeded to complete the absentee ballot and return it to the Board of Elections office. Director Tsujii asked the Board to approve a manual edit. Chairperson Campbell motion to challenge the ballot; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii reported that the DS 200 tabulator at the Government Center One-Stop Early Voting site experienced a screen calibration issue, which further led to an issue with the public count, on Sunday, October 18, 2020. After attempting to troubleshoot the tabulator, it was determined that it would be best to replace the tabulator. Due to the replacement of the tabulator, the ballots scanned from October 15-18th at the Government Center Early Voting site will need to be re-scanned during a Board of Elections absentee ballot meeting.

Reviewing of the absentee ballots commenced.

The Board members tabled an overseas ballot for further research and inquiry due to the nature of its return from within the United States. Member Russell moved to table the disposition of the ballot to a later meeting; Seconded by Secretary Durrah; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Gary announced the final numbers: 4,582 Civilians, 5 Military, 35 Overseas, with a total of 4,622 ballots. Secretary Durrah moved to approve the final numbers; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Gary announced 259 absentee ballots were disapproved. Member Russell moved to accept the count; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii announced that 1,621 ballots from the Government Center One-Stop Early Voting location were scanned. The remaining ballots from October 17th and 18th will be scanned during the October 22, 2020 Board meeting.

Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to recess the Board meeting; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting went into recess at 9:58 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/Catherine Jourdan
Member