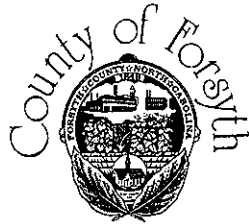


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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2013

Meeting Called to Order

A regular meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the elections conference room on December 10, 2013. The meeting convened at 4:32 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell,
Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner,
Judy Speas, Assistant County Attorney Lonnie Albright

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members discuss the minutes of November 5 amendment, 12, 15, 21 and 27, 2013. Secretary Russell discussed an amendment for the Board minutes of November 21, 2013. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to amend the Board minutes of November 21, 2013 to clarify a statement that the results of the Precinct 091 – Tobaccoville Community Center recount on November 21st were different from the prior November 15th recount in that it gave Steve Wood one fewer vote. However, the results of the second Precinct 091 recount were the same as the Election Night total for Precinct 091. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to accept the Board minutes of the November 5 amendment, November 12, November 15 and November 27, 2013 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Letter from Forsyth County Democratic Party Chairman

Member El-Amin read a letter received by the Board members from Susan Campbell, Chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party. Board members agreed to include it in the permanent record.

Closed Session

Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion for closed session. Chairman Raymond stated: I move that the Board go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee, pursuant to the provisions of NCGS 143-

318.11(a) (6). **Motion carried unanimously.** Board members went into closed session at 4:50 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting left closed session and was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Attachments on File: Letter from Forsyth County Democratic Party Chairman



FORSYTH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

December 10, 2013

Ken Raymond, Chair
Fleming El-Amin and Stuart Russell
Forsyth County Board of Elections
201 N. Chestnut St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Dear Board Members of the Forsyth County Board of Elections,

In light of the recent problems with the Tobaccolville Village Council recount, I feel compelled to speak about our Board of Elections and my experience working through many elections with BOE staff. This isolated incident is an exception and does not, in my opinion, reflect the professionalism and competence of the Board of Elections staff. Our expectations are that our elections be run in a non-partisan way, all voters to have access to the polls, precinct judges are properly trained, requests to get responses, and complaints to be resolved. I believe that this staff has served Forsyth County dependably in these areas.

As the Chair of the Democratic Party for the past 3 years, I have worked with the Board of Elections Director and staff on many occasions. My issues or complaints mostly came from interactions at the precinct level between judges and voters, which were promptly addressed on Election Day. I have always had confidence in the Election Day operation and that our large county has been well served by the experience and responsiveness of Mr. Coffman and the staff at the Board of Elections.

Running elections is a difficult and complicated business and we, in Forsyth County, are fortunate to have an experienced team to assure that our elections continue to be run well in the future.

Sincerely,

Susan Campbell, Chair
Forsyth County Democratic Party

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