



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION PROTEST
BOARD MEETING
Agenda

December 2, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Board of Elections will hold a virtual meeting for preliminary consideration of election protests on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Members of the public may join the meeting by clicking on this link <https://meet.google.com/sjr-ykpk-fht>.

This Agenda Includes:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2nd Floor Board Room on December 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

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

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

Guest in attendance: Assistant County Attorney Lonnie Albright

Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest filed by Paul Martin Newby

Chairperson Campbell requested that Assistant County Attorney Lonnie Albright provide an overview of the guidelines for the consideration of the election protest filed. Mr. Albright explained that the meeting was a preliminary hearing and not an evidentiary hearing. Board Members were to determine if there was probable cause based upon the protest and exhibits contained therein and decide if they should move forward with a formal hearing. The Assistant Attorney noted that there was a challenge within the protest submitted.

The Board discussed the removal of deceased voters as well as the documentation required to remove a deceased voter. Mr. Albright cited G.S. § 163-82.14(b) and explained the requirements of the law in regards of a voter record's removal based upon a deceased voter. Chairperson Campbell verified that obituaries were not considered official documentation sources for the removal of a voter's record. Member Jourdan verified with Director Tsujii that all State and County reports of deceased voters had been acted upon. Member Russell noted concerns regarding the public request filed by the Republican Party and that was attached to the protest documentation. He inquired if deceased voters would have been found upon gathering of information for the public request, which could have been addressed during the recanvas process. Director Tsujii stated that the challenge within the protest would have to have been properly submitted by Election Day; noting that it would be a timely submission. Secretary Durrah moved to dismiss the protest due to the lack of sufficient evidence to demonstrate probable cause; Member Loughridge seconded; Member Russell opposed. **Motion carried 4-1.**

Other Business

Chairperson Campbell called for other business; none presented.

Adjournment

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn the Board meeting; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell

Chair

s/ Robert Durrah

Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell

Member

s/ John Loughridge

Member

s/Catherine Jourdan

Member