# **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Ken Raymond Chairman

Secretary

Fleming El-Amin Member



# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 28, 2014

## Meeting Called to Order

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on March 28, 2014. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Lamar Joyner, Josh Chunn, Chris Duffey, Other County Staff - Beatrice Hunter, Lonnie Albright

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

#### Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

## **Public Comment Session**

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have three minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

Jo Anne Allen - PO Box 284, Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Ms. Allen raised concerns regarding election computers being networked and the privacy of passwords to those computers. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to close the public comment session. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

The Board members questioned the Staff on procedures and policies as it relates to election computers being networked and who had access to these computers. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to have the Forsyth County MIS (IT) Department perform tests prior to the May 6, 2014 Primary Election to show that election computers are not networked, if these tests can be completed efficiently. **Motion carried unanimously.** Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to change the password on election computers between the Primary and General Elections, and after the General Election. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members review the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to accept the Board minutes of March 18, 2014 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

#### **Budget Review**

Chairman Raymond asked Mr. Joyner if funding was available for staffing One-Stop Early Voting for the Primary. Mr. Joyner said that funds were adjusted within the current budget year for staffing to accommodate the new Early Voting law requirements.

#### **Testing Voting Machines**

Carlton Morgan will start testing voting equipment next week on March 31, 2014. The Board discussed having the serial numbers of each tested machine placed in the minutes in reference to NCGS 163-33.2.

#### Multipartisan Assistance Teams

Board members discussed the assembly and training of Multipartisan Assistance Teams by reviewing the rules required per 08 NCAC 13.0201. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion that Mr. Joyner contact and request five volunteers from each party. **Motion carried unanimously.** Secretary Russell moved and Chairman Raymond seconded that if each party does not provide enough volunteers that staff can provide volunteers. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Joyner stated that he had met with members of WSFCS Administration about safety concerns during elections. Board members discussed having an opportunity to hear these concerns.

#### **Closed Session**

Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion for closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Chairman Raymond stated: I move that the Board go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, conditions of employment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

#### Adjournment

Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously** and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

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