BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ken Raymond Chairman

Secretary

Fleming El-Amin Member



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 15, 2014

Meeting Called to Order

An Absentee meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on April 15, 2014. The meeting convened at 5:00 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, Jacob Wright Other County Staff - Lonnie Albright, Jason Ring, Robin Lloyd

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes prepared for review.

Approval of Absentee Ballots Returned

Mr. Chunn recommended 38 absentee ballots for approval and nine absentee ballots for disapproval because of missing information. The voters of the disapproved absentee ballots had been mailed a second ballot and letter of explanation. Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation of 38 absentee ballots for approval and nine absentee ballots for disapproval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

One absentee ballot was in pending status due to a misplaced voter signature in the witness section. Secretary Russell moved and Chairman Raymond seconded to not accept this ballot and resend so voter can make corrections. **Motion carried two to one with Member El-Amin in abstention.**

MIS Department (IT)

Chairman Raymond asked MIS staff, Jason Ring and Robin Lloyd, to explain the setup with the election computers. Mr. Ring stated that the two election computers that run NCSBE Unity software are not networked with the county network or has internet access. Ms. Lloyd stated that these computers require a physical presence to gain access and cannot be accessed remotely.

Other Business

Board members discussed WSFCS security/safety concerns during elections. Mr. Joyner stated that the move to any new polling locations would not take place until 2015 and he encouraged the Board to take visits to the proposed new locations. Members of the WSFCS Administration planned to attend our next meeting on April 22, 2014. El-Amin suggested that the Board members attend a WSFCS management meeting to stay current on these safety concerns. Mr. Joyner stated that election worker training and equipment testing is ongoing. Also there was a request for the Board members to reply to letters for the United Community Coalition event.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Fleming El-Amin, Member

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