Forsyth County Board of Elections – Board Meeting October 31, 2023



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## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Meeting Minutes October 31, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

### Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at **5:30** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan (by phone), Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey **Board Members not in attendance:** Member Adam Draper

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii, Tricia Starkey, Jay Lerman, Louise Lash

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Robert Durrah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Moment of Silence**

Chairperson Robert Durrah led a moment of silence.

### **Public Comments**

Chairperson Robert Durrah called for public comments, providing two minutes per speaker:

None

Secretary Doomy moved to close public comments; Member Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Member Harvey moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for October 17, 2023 as submitted; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

Member Harvey moved to approve the Canvass Meeting minutes for October 17, 2023 as submitted; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

# <u>Approval of Logic & Accuracy Test of Voting Machine for the November 7, 2023</u> <u>Municipal Election</u>

Jay Lerman, Voting Systems and Geocode Manager, presented the Board with the Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting machine for tabulation of absentee ballots for the Municipal Election. The testing was done by a multi-partisan team and 100% of the test was without issues. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the Logic and Accuracy testing as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

## **Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Louise Lash, Absentee Voting Manager, presented to the Board a total of 14 civilian absentee ballots for review.

Secretary Doomy moved to approve ten absentee ballots in the first group of ballots presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

Secretary Doomy moved to accept two absentee ballots with pending Voter ID exception forms as submitted; Member Harvey seconded. Motion carried with 3 votes "Yes" and Vice Chair Jourdan abstaining.

One absentee ballot is Pending Cure with no action necessary at this time. The voter has been notified by phone, email, and mail.

Mrs. Lash presented the Board with one ballot which was sealed in the outside absentee ballot return envelope but not the inner envelope. Based on Numbered Memo 2021-03, Member Harvey moved to approve the one absentee ballot which was sealed in the outer envelope; Secretary Doomy seconded. Motion carried with 3 votes "Yes" and Vice Chair Jourdan abstaining.

## Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Tricia Starkey, Board Clerk, presented the Board with an amended 2024 Board Meeting Schedule with the Supplemental Absentee Meeting being moved from Friday, March 15, 2024 to Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the change of schedule as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

## Adoption of Resolution for Absentee Meetings 2024 Primary Election

Tricia Starkey, Board Clerk, presented the Board with an amended Resolution for the Forsyth County Board of Elections Schedule of Absentee Meetings for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. The Supplemental Absentee Meeting originally scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2024 has been moved to Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Doomy moved to adopt the resolution change as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

### **Other Business**

### Approval of Observers for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election

Director Tim Tsujii presented to the Board both the at-large and precinct-specific observer lists from the Forsyth County Republican Party for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the appointment of poll observers as submitted; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** 

**Closed Session (if necessary)** 

### Adjournment

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. Motion carried **unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member