Forsyth County Board of Elections - November 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes



## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest Meeting Minutes November 23, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

# Meeting Called to Order

A Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order on the third floor, Professional Development Center, on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., Chairman Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

**Board Members in attendance**: Chairman Robert Durrah, Jr., Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Chad Doomy (via phone), Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper (via phone)

**Staff Members in attendance**: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Adam Clark, and Jason Lerman

## **Discussion of Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest**

Before the discussion to consider the filed protest began, Member Draper makes a statement assuring the Board Members that although he had spoken with the protesters and the attorney representing them prior to the preliminary hearing, he does not believe that the conversation had influenced his ability to make an unbiased ruling on the matter. There were no objections. The Board proceeded to hold a discussion to determine if the protest filed by Kenneth Raymond, Tina Saliba, Zack Watkins and Tiffany O'Donnell presented a violation of election law, irregularity, or misconduct sufficient to cast doubt on the apparent results of the 2022 General Election. Secretary Jourdan brings to the board's attention that one of the listed protesters, Kenneth Raymond, failed to sign the required protest form and therefore, should not participate as one the protesters. There were no objections. The board reviewed the presented claim on the use of an override code required on election night to close the polls on the DS200 tabulators and deliberated if there was probable cause, enough to consider a protest hearing. After further considerations, most of the board members settled on the conclusion that the protest did not present probable cause as it did not violate any election law or had an irregularity or misconduct sufficient to cast doubt on the 2022 General Election results. Member Harvey moved to dismiss the election protest; Secretary Jourdan seconded. The motion carried 3-2; with Member Draper and Member Doomy opposed.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Robert Durrah, Jr. at 3:07 p.m.

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## **Emergency Meeting Called to Order at: 3:10 p.m.**

**Board Members in attendance**: Chairman Robert Durrah, Jr., Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Alfred Harvey, and Member Adam Draper (via phone) **Board Members not in attendance**: Chad Doomy

**Staff Members in attendance**: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Adam Clark, and Jason Lerman

#### Approval of Resolution of Mix Beverage for the Town of Rural Hall

Director Tsujii presented the Resolution for Adoption of Mix Beverage for the Town of Rural Hall. Secretary Jourdan moved to approve; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion** carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Member Harvey moved to adjourn; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**. The Board meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member