Forsyth County Board of Elections – Board Meeting November 7, 2022



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda November 7, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Moment of Silence
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Appointment of Precinct Officials for the 2022 General Election
- 6. Appointment of Observers List for the 2022 General Election
- 7. Approval of Absentee Ballots
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Closed Session (if necessary)
- 10. Adjournment

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Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 4th floor Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, November 7, 2022, at **2:15** p.m., Secretary Catherine Jourdan presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. (2:19 p.m. arrival), Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Louise Lash, Carma Buchannan, Nakita Green, Adam Clark, Jason Lerman, Ethan Thao

Pledge of Allegiance

Madam Secretary Catherine Jourdan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Madam Secretary Catherine Jourdan led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Appointment of Precinct Officials for the 2022 General Election

Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla presented to the Board the current list of precinct officials for appointment in the general election, with one vacancy remaining. Member Doomy moved to approve the appointment of precinct officials list as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Observers List for the 2022 General Election

Director Tsujii presented to the Board observer lists for both the Democratic and Republican parties for the general election on November 8, 2023. Lists include both site specific and at-large observers. All observers must be registered to vote, be of good moral Forsyth County Board of Elections – Board Meeting November 7, 2022

character, and may not be a candidate on the ballot. Member Draper moved to accept both the at-large and site-specific observers as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion** carried unanimously.

Chairman Durrah to preside over meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Louise Lash, Absentee Voting Manager, presented the Board with 2126 civilian absentee ballots for review. Member Doomy moved to approved 2126 civilian absentee ballots by mail; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Lash presented the Board with 75 oversees and 9 military absentee ballots for review; and 1 oversees ballot and 61 civilian ballots for disapproval. Member Draper moved to approved 75 overseas and 9 military absentee ballots and to disapprove 61 civilian and 1 overseas absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ballots that did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears and folds were marked spoiled; the board members duplicated the ballots that were spoiled, and they were properly scanned through the high-speed central counter.

Board Members signed absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots.

Board Members signed the Zero Reports for the DS850 high-speed scanner.

Board Members signed the Executed Absentee Ballots Report (Name Sequence Grouped by Precinct).

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the One-Stop Votes for October 20, 2022, through November 5, 2022. Member Doomy moved to approve the 28,912 votes from October 20, 2022, through November 5, 2022; Member Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members signed the One-Stop Voting Report.

Other Business

Voter Challenges presented to the Board by Director Tsujii.

A Forsyth County voter returned an absentee by mail ballot and then proceeded to vote in person on the same day. Recommending an absentee voter challenge. Member Doomy moved to challenge the cast absentee vote; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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A Forsyth County voter accidently voted on the wrong ballot on October 29, 2022, whose name was the same as another (near relative); the absentee ballot for the near relative was returned on November 4, 2022. Recommending an absentee voter challenge. Member Doomy moved to file a challenge to the absentee ballot for the previous mentioned voter; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A Forsyth County voter voted a One-Stop Early Voting ballot on November 1, 2002. On November 2, 2022, the Board of Elections Office received an absentee ballot for the same person. Recommending an absentee voter challenge. Member Doomy moved to challenge the absentee ballot of the of the said voter; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

On October 31, 2022, the Forsyth County Board of Elections was notified of a deceased voter by the spouse of the deceased individual and that an absentee ballot had been mailed out before the individual passed away. The absentee ballot arrived at the Board of Elections Office on November 1, 2022. Recommending a challenge of absentee ballot due to deceased voter. Member Doomy moved to challenge the absentee ballot of the said voter; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Two voters (husband and wife) voted a the One-Stop Early Voting stie and were driven by their daughter. It appeared that the daughter signed for both parents as she thought as a Power of Attorney for both parents she could do so. In addition, the address' of the voters were incorrect as they moved over 30 days prior to voting. The parents have been instructed to vote provisional ballots. Recommending challenge to the two votes. Member Draper moved to challenge the two votes cast during early voting for the prior mentioned voters; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

<u>Adjournment</u>

Member Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member