



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda October 17, 2024– 2:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Absentee Ballots
6. Other Business
7. Closed Session (if necessary)
8. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2nd Floor Board Room on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at **2:02** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Macy Payne

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Robert L. Durrah, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chair Robert L. Durrah, Jr. led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Macy Payne, Absentee Ballots Manager, presented the Board with 494 civilian absentee ballots and one civilian visually impaired person absentee ballot for review and approval. Member Draper moved to approve the 494 and one visually imparted voter absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess Chairperson Durrah called a recess at 2:58 p.m.

Board Reconvene Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Mrs. Payne presented 55 civilian ballots with photo ID exemption forms for review and approval and 3 civilian accepted cure absentee ballots for review and approval. Member Draper moved to approve the 55 photo ID exception form absentee ballots and the 3 accepted cure ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne pretend 8 military and 71 overseas absentee ballots for review and approval. Member Draper moved to approve the 8 military and 71 overseas absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Pyne presented 1 civilian ballot for approval and 27 ballots for disapproval. Member Draper moved to approve the 1 civilian ballot and to disapprove 27 absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Board Members signed Zero Reports for the DS450 high-speed scanner.

Other Business

Director Tsujii presented early voting updates to the Board. The Walkertown Branch Library location tabulator was not scanning during the first part of the day so the emergency bin was used which is normal protocol.

Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that due to a campaign event tonight, there will be a road closure around the Mazie Woodruff Center for early voting for about five minutes.

Mr. Tsujii let the Board know that the DOT will waive the fare for transit service on Election Day.

Mr. Tsujii presented the updated early voting observer lists. Member Draper moved to approve the lists as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion for Closed Session at 5:25 PM

Chairperson Durrah requested a motion to go into closed session to consider the qualification, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Member Draper moved to approve the motion; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess Chairperson Durrah called for a motion to recess at 6:07 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Member Draper moved to approve the recess; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Reconvene Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper, Secretary Chad Doomy (arrival 4:06 p.m.)

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Macy Payne, Jay Lerman

Ballot Recount Sprague Street Community Center

Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that on the first day of early voting there was a discrepancy of the number of voter applications to ballots in the final count of the day for Sprague Street Community Center. The discrepancy has been identified as an incorrectly cancelled ATV and the ballots are going to be run through the high-speed scanner to make sure the count matches. The number of ballots scanned did match that day's total of 285 ballots cast.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Board Members signed absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots from the first part of the meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Mrs. Payne presented 971 civilian absentee ballots for review and approval. The board members worked on reviewing the ballots.

Adjournment

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn. Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert L. Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Vice Chair

s:/Chad Doomy

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member