

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Member



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Director of Elections

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 17, 2012

Call to Order

An Absentee Meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Board of Elections Conference Room on April 17, 2012. The meeting convened at 4:31 PM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Linda Sutton, Secretary Michael Flatow, Member Jonathan Dills

Board Members not in attendance: none

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner, Judy Speas, Joshua Chunn

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton requested that the Board review the minutes of April 13, 2012. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2012. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Chairman Sutton recommended a motion for closed session by stating: I move that the Board go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Secretary Flatow seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Board went into closed session at 4:34 PM.

Chairman Sutton moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to reconvene the meeting at 5:03 PM. Motion carried.

Absentee Ballot Report

Absentee Ballot meetings are held for the Board examination of the weekly report of returned absentee ballots. Mr. Chunn recommended 142 absentee ballots for approval and 5 for disapproval in the Primary Election weekly report. Rejection reasons and the option of a second mailed ballot were explained for the 5 disapproved ballots. The Board considered the possibility of enclosed paperwork in a returned overseas ballot envelope. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to open the envelope to discover a certification of voter signature in order to approve the ballot status. Motion carried. The envelope was opened and no voter signature was found. It was decided to keep the ballot in reject status but to email a second ballot to the overseas address. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots. Motion carried.

Other Business

The Board discussed a phone conversation request from a Wake Forest University student regarding Early Voting registration. A request had been submitted that a university list of the residence hall students be accepted for verification of domicile for same day registrants at the Early Voting locations. The Board decided to consider a formal request during a timelier period in the election cycle.

The Board discussed the domicile statute; the upcoming NC State Board appeal of the Challenge to the Candidacies of Ed Hanes, Jr. and S. Wayne Patterson; advertisement of Early Voting; and, pollworker training. Chairman Sutton stated that each precinct may benefit from the assistance of experienced pollworkers.

Adjournment

Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next Absentee meeting of the 2012 Primary will be held in the Board of Elections Conference Room on April 24, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Approved:

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Date

Michael Flatow, Secretary

Date

Jonathan S. Dills, Member

Date

Attachments on File: none