



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda December 15, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Early Voting Sites for the March 5, 2024, Primary Election
6. Approval of the Appointment Date for Early Voting Officials in the March 5, 2024, Primary Election
7. Approval of the Unaffiliated Candidacy Petition Deadline for the 2024 City of Winston-Salem Election
8. Preliminary Challenge Hearing of Voter Registration
9. Other Business
10. Closed Session (if necessary)
11. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections telephonic meeting was called to order on Friday, December 15, 2023, at **2:02 p.m.**, Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan (by phone), Secretary Chad Doomy (by phone), Member Alfred Harvey (by phone), Member Adam Draper (2:03 p.m. arrival by phone)

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

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

Other Business Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Tricia Starkey, Board Clerk, presented to the Board the updated 2024 Board Meeting Schedule for review and approval. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Early Voting Sites

Carma Buchanan, Polling Place Coordinator, presented to the Board two proposed changes to the One-Stop Early Voting plan previously used. First Assembly of God is no longer available, and that location will move to Polo Park Recreation Center. A prospective “In Lieu” of site for the Government Center, due to parking limitations, is Calvary Moravian Church which is 4 minutes away and .8 miles from the Government Center. This location has better parking accessibility. The daily rate range for this location will be \$150 to \$200 per day which is budgeted. Member Draper moved to accept the proposed Early Voting plan to be presented to the State; Member Harvey seconded. Motion rescinded by Member Draper for listing of Early Voting sites to be stated.

Carma Buchanan presented a full listing of tentative One-Stop early voting sites with prior discussed dates and times. The locations are Brown & Douglas Community Center, Clemmons Branch Library, Calvary Moravian Church, Kernersville (Paddison Memorial) Library, Lewisville Branch Library, Mazie Woodruff Center, Miller Park Recreation Center, Old Town Recreation Center, Rural Hall Branch Library, Southside Branch Library, Polo Park Recreation Center, and WSSU-Anderson Center. Dates and times are follows: 15 total days starting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 and ending on Saturday, March 2, 2024. These dates include two Saturdays with hours from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and one Sunday with hours from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Weekday hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Member Draper moved to approve the presented One-Stop Early Voting schedule; Member Harvey seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Appointment Date EV Officials

Director Tsujii presented to the Board the new State regulation regarding the appointment date for early voting officials which goes into effect January 1, 2024 and will be required before every election. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the resolution as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Unaffiliated Candidacy Petition Deadline

Director Tsujii presented the Board with the unaffiliated candidacy petition deadline process and Session Law 163-296. The deadline for obtaining unaffiliated municipal petition signatures is 90 days before the election, however, this date is after the deadline for printing ballots. The proposed deadline date for petitions is August 7, 2024. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to approve the petition deadline date; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Preliminary Challenge Hearing

Director Tsujii presented to the Board that Matthew Jones had challenged his voter registration status due to his information being confused for another person with the same name. The Matthew Jones who is challenging his voter registration was listed as having a felony conviction. Upon review of the information, the correct information was found by verification of date of birth records. The elections staff recommendation to the Board is that there are two separate voters in Forsyth County with the same name, and that this may be a Department of Corrections typo.

Board Recess

Chairperson Durrah called the Board to recess at **3:00 p.m.**

Board Reconvene

Chairperson Durrah called for the Board to reconvene at **3:10 p.m.**

Director Tim Tsujii is sworn in under oath by Chairperson Robert L. Durrah, Jr. at 3:11 p.m. Mr. Tsujii restated under oath that the Matthew Jones who challenged his voter registration is not the same Matthew Jones who is listed to have a Felony Conviction in Forsyth County. Recommendation of dismissal and reactivation of voter registration for Matthew Jones. Member Draper moved to dismiss the voter registration challenge for lack of sufficient evidence that this voter was actually a convicted felon; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Vice Chair

s:/Chad Doomy

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member