

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda November 17, 2022 – 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. Approval of Provisional Ballots
- 7. Tabulation of Absentee Ballots and Provisional Ballots
- 8. Certification of Absentee Ballot List and Abstracts
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Closed Session (if necessary)
- 11. Adjournment

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022 – 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, November 17, 2022, at **2:03** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., 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, Sheema Taylor, Bella Thao, Patrick Boyles, Suzanne Dorsett

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:

A member of public decided not to make comments.

Member Doomy moved to close public comments; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Louise Lash, Absentee Voting Manager, presented the Board with 1,210 civilian, 11 military, and 23 overseas absentee ballots for review. Member Doomy moved to approve 1,210 civilian absentee by mail ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Draper moved to approve 11 military absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Upon review of the 11 military absentee ballots, 1 of the ballots was received after the deadline. Member Doomy motioned to amend the prior vote on military absentee ballots to 10; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Draper moved to approve 23 overseas absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Lash presented the Board with 109 civilian, 4 overseas, and 1 military absentee ballots to be disapproved. Member Draper moved to disapprove 109 civilian, 4 overseas, and 1 military absentee ballots; Member Doomy 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.

Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla informed the Board that a bi-partisan team is scheduled to retrieve tabulator ballots from provisional and One-Stop voting to ensure the reconciliation of 6 ballots for voter challenges being presented tomorrow, November 18, 2022.

Approval of Provisional Ballots

Director Tsujii presented to the Board a total of 1,305 provisional ballots. Of the 1,305 ballots, 562 are approved, 495 are disapproved, 232 are to be partially counted and 16 are pending review. Of the 495 disapproved provisional ballots: 96 registered after the deadline, 2 provided an incomplete application, 318 had no record of registration, 41 had been removed, 31 moved out of the county more than 30 days before the election or had moved to Forsyth County less than 30 days before the election, and 7 had already voted. Director Tsujii confirmed for the Board that action would be taken against the 7 individuals that voted twice and that the State Board of Elections would investigate each instance. Member Draper moved to accept 562 approved provisional ballots of which 232 counted partially and to disapprove 495 ballots; Member Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented 1 of the pending provisional ballots for review given the fact that an individual voter may have voted twice. Based on the Board's review of the ballot, Member Doomy moved to disapprove the provisional ballot; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried 5-0, unanimously.**

The remaining pending provisional ballots were reviewed by the Board with a total of 12 to be disapproved and 3 provisional ballots for partial approval. Member Doomy moved to

disapprove 12 total provisional ballots and to approve 3 provisional ballots; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Provisional 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 Recess

Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr called for the Board to Recess at 5:35 p.m.

Board Reconvene

Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr called for the Board to Reconvene at 8:12 p.m.

Tabulation of Absentee Ballots and Provisional Ballots

Absentee and Provisional Ballots tabulated.

Certification of Absentee Ballot List and Abstracts

Certification of absentee ballot list and abstracts signed by the Board.

Other Business

Write-In vote tally sheets reviewed by the Board.

Adjournment

Member Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Approved: s:/Robert Durrah, Jr. Chairperson s:/Catherine Jourdan Secretary s:/Alfred Harvey Member s:/Adam Draper Member