

# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

# Agenda October 1, 2019 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Moment of Silence
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Approval of Absentee Ballots for October 8, 2019 Primary
- 6. Approval of One-Stop Early Voting Schedule for the March 3, 2020 Primary
- 7. Approval of Minutes
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Closed Session (if necessary)
- 10. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes October 1, 2019 – 5 p.m.

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The absentee meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the fourth floor Multipurpose Room - A on October 1, 2019 at 5:01 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

**Board Members in attendance**: Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member

Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine

Jourdan (via telephone)

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica

Gary and Kimberly Stuck

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

## **Public Comment Session**

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments; noting three minutes would be provided for each speaker:

Brian Miller – 4395 Sandlewood Ct, Winston Salem, NC 27106 Anne Wilson – 445 Marshall View Ct. Winston Salem, NC 27101

Member Loughridge moved to close public comments; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

#### **Approval of Absentee Ballots for October 8, 2019 Primary**

Ms. Gary noted that there were no absentee ballots for approval.

#### Approval of One-Stop Early Voting Schedule for the March 3, 2020 Primary

The Board continued their discussion on selecting the One-Stop Early Voting sites for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Deputy Director Bobadilla reported to the Board that, after speaking with a university official, there were no suitable facilities near Bowman Gray Stadium and that the Anderson Center was best suited to accommodate the early voting schedule and provide adequate parking. Ms. Bobadilla also reported that the early voting period would create scheduling conflicts at South Fork Recreation Center and 14<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center, and place a financial burden due to contracted events at South Fork Recreation Center. The Board discussed the possibilities of using Old Town Recreation Center, Polo Park Recreation Center and Miller Park Recreation Center. Secretary Durrah moved to table the discussion of the Early Voting Schedule; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Member Jourdan left the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Durrah called for the approval of the minutes for the September 17, 20, 24, and 26, 2019

Board meetings; Member Russell moved to approve all four meeting minutes with the amendments to the September 17, 2019 minutes; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

## **Other Business**

Deputy Director Bobadilla provided the Board with an update on finding facilities to replace several Election Day polling places. Ms. Bobadilla reported that she plans to visit Clemmons First Baptist Church, as a possible replacement for 051- Clemmons Elementary School due to parking concerns. Deputy Director Bobadilla stated that she had completed a site visit to Flat Rock Elementary School and plans to visit Heavenview Church to possibly replace 122- Griffith Fire Station due to parking concerns. Additionally, she has completed a site visit to Christ Moravian Church as a replacement for 601 – Piedmont International University due to their request to no longer serve as a polling place. The church has expressed sincere interest in serving as a polling place. Deputy Director Bobadilla also reported that she is still searching for replacements for 081 – Oak Summit/Crestwood Baptist Church and 013 – Sedge Garden Elementary School.

Director Tsujii presented a staff recommendation for the approval of precinct 067 – Kernersville Fire Station #2, located at 1385 South Park Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284, to serve as the test precinct of the new voting systems that were preliminarily recommended for adoption and acquisition by the Board. In accordance with the NC Elections Systems Certification Program section 3.7.1.2, all new voting systems must be tested in one polling place in the next available election prior to its acquisition. Director Tsujii stated that precinct 067 – Kernersville Fire Station is easily accessible from the Board of Elections office by way of Business 40 and Interstate-40 and has an experienced team of Precinct Judges that can manage the transition to new voting equipment within a short timeframe. Secretary Durrah moved to approve the use of precinct 067 – Kernersville Fire Station #2 as the test precinct for new voting systems in the November 4, 2019 Municipal Elections; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

## **Closed Session**

None

## Adjournment

Chairperson Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting; Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn the Board meeting; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting adjourned 6:22 p.m.

# Approved:

- s/ Susan Campbell Chair
- s/ Robert Durrah Secretary
- s/ Stuart Russell Member
- s/ John Loughridge Member
- s/ Catherine Jourdan Member