

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Meeting Agenda October 10, 2024– 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Moment of Silence
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- 6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Closed Session (if necessary)
- 9. Recess until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Meeting Minutes

October 10, 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 10, 2024, at **2:04** p.m., Vice Chair Jourdan presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. (arrival 2:18 p.m.), Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper (arrival 2:18 p.m.)

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Jourdan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Vice Chair Jourdan led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Secretary Doomy presented the meeting minutes for the October 3, 2024 meeting. Member Harvey moved to approve the minutes as presented; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Macy Payne, Absentee Ballots Manager, presented 1 civilian ballot for review which was incorrectly completed by a power of attorney. Member Draper moved to have this ballot moved to a pending cure status; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented to the Board a total of 913 ballots for approval and 31 ballots for disapproval. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to approve the 913 ballots and to disapprove the 31 ballots; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Upon instruction from the State Board of Elections, the original ballot which was incorrectly completed by a power of attorney needed to be spoiled and reissued to the voter. Member Draper moved to amend his original motion and to spoil and reissue the ballot completed by a power of attorney; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Recess Chairperson Durrah called a recess at 4:05 p.m.

Board Reconvene Vice Chair Jourdan called for the Board to reconvene at 4:58 p.m.

Chairperson Durrah and Member Harvey returned to the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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 absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots.

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

Other Business

Director Tsujii presented to the Board that a motion regarding the voter challenge to Amy Taylor North's voter registration written order ruling needed to be made for clarification. Member Harvey moved that the previous written order signed should be stricken to ensure that the record is clear regarding the changes that were made to the previous written order; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Carma Buchanan, Polling Place Coordinator, presented to the Board the list of all election day sites in Forsyth County with a description of each buffer zone and electioneering areas for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Buffer zones are set as designated by G.S. 163-166.4. the only change was for precinct 055, Holy Family Catholic Church, which will not have signage or literature. Member Draper moved to accept the buffer zones as presented; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tsujii provided a copy of the new pocket guide created for those individuals affected by Tropical Storm Helene or individuals inquiring about information.

Board Recess Chairperson Durrah called a recess at 5:40 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Board Reconvene Chairperson Durrah reconvened the meeting from Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

Approval of Absentee Ballots continued

Mrs. Payne presented a total of 554 civilian absentee ballots to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Member Draper moved to approve the 554 civilian absentee ballots; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented 53 additional civilian absentee ballots for review and approval. Member Draper moved to approve the 53 civilian absentee ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Payne presented 37 absentee ballots for review and disapproval by the Board. Member Draper moved to disapprove the 37 ballots; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Member Draper moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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Approved: s:/Robert L. Durrah, Jr. Chairperson s:/Catherine Jourdan Vice Chair s:/Chad Doomy Secretary s:/Alfred Harvey Member s:/Adam Draper Member