

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

October 25, 2016 – 5 p.m.

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Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2016 – 5 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor meeting room on October 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Chairman Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Monica Gary and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: Lonnie Albright – Assistant County Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have three minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

JoAnne Allen – PO Box 284, Winston Salem, NC 27102

Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments, Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond addressed Ms. Allen's comments regarding voting selections flipping and inquired if those that she spoke to had made contact with the Board of Elections Office or Director Tsujii. Secretary Russell suggested that it would be helpful for those who stated they experienced problems to come forward; Member El-Amin stated that he personally advised voters to review their selections before casting their ballots. Chairman Raymond deferred to Mr. Tsujii regarding the test results of the machines in use. Director Tsujii requested more detailed information on the voter's to better address the matter and did note that that he had not been notified by staff or pollworkers of any issues about votes automatically switching. Director Tsujii discussed safeguards that had been put in place as well as the test results reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Director Tsujii also stated that he would inquire with Property Management on parking on the

2nd or 3rd floor for those attending poll worker training at the Government Center.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Ms. Gary recommended 1747 Absentee ballots for approval and 14 for disapproval. Chairman Raymond called for questions or comments from the Board members. Member El-Amin inquired about the processing time for Absentee ballots, and requested that the process be explained to those seeking an Absentee ballot. Member El-Amin motioned to accept staff recommendations, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Review of Remarked Ballots

Director Tsujii requested that the review of the remarks be tabled for the next meeting. Review tabled.

Appointment of Observers

Director Tsujii provided the Board with the official list of polling place observers for consideration and appointment. Secretary Russell inquired if questions needed to be covered in closed session; Director Tsujii stated that according to statute questions or concerns regarding observers could be addressed in open meeting. Secretary Russell addressed the disbarment of Mr. Littlejohn which is public record; Director Tsujii reviewed the qualifications to serve as an observer. Secretary Russell stated that he would like to take no action to enable further research since the disbarment is public record. The Board and Mr. Tsujii discussed at length the qualifications and the ramifications of the disbarment. Secretary Russell motioned to disapprove Mr. Littlejohn as an observer, Member El-Amin seconded motion; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Curbside Voting and Electioneering at Govt. Center

Director Tsujii offered comments on electioneering at the Government Center; he stated the changes in curbside had been very effective and requested approval from the Board. Mr. Tsujii provided visual aides to the Board for their review. Secretary Russell motioned to approve the electioneering memo; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Report of One Stop Early Voting

Director Tsujii commented that Early Voting has been very smooth to date and noted that all other sites would open on Thursday, with Mr. Joyner, Mr. Duffey and Mr. Morgan doing setup with more machines at each site. Mr. Tsujii stated that approximately 1500 voters had cast their ballots to date. Chairman Raymond commended the Director and staff for the great work done.

Other Business

Director Tsujii introduced the Professors and students from the elections administration graduate program at Auburn University that had come to observe the election process. Chairman Raymond thanked them for coming.

Closed Session

Chairman Raymond inquired of need for closed session; none provided.

Chairman Raymond offered comment regarding the article in the Civitas, the directive from the State to process DMV records and the registrations collected by the DMV for processing without

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signature. Director Tsujii provided direction on the new registrations and voiced his concerns to the Board and Director Kim Strach of the State Board of Elections, noting it was unusual to

process registrations without signatures. Chairman Raymond inquired if the new process would slim down the number of provisional ballots and thanked Mr. Tsujii for initiative.

The Board reviewed the additional names of observers for review and consideration. Secretary Russell motioned to approve the observer list minus Mr. Littlejohn; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Chairman Raymond called to adjourn; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date