

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Director of Elections

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## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – June 8, 2010

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair  
Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary  
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections  
Judy Speas, Senior Office Assistant  
Rebecca VanderKlok, Office Assistant  
Kevin McGuckin, Assistant County Attorney

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### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM in the Board of Elections Conference Room. Ms. Sutton introduced Shawn Maxwell and Ray Robinson, Democracy North Carolina organization interns who will be traveling to several elections offices in North Carolina this summer. Mr. Jordan introduced Valerie Thompson, an extern with his law office.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for May 18, 2010. Mr. Coffman explained that the State Board investigation of the Primary Election double voter was ongoing. Ms. Sutton entertained a motion for corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Absentee Ballots

The Staff recommended 114 absentee ballots for approval and two for disapproval. The voters of the disapproved ballots were notified and mailed a second ballot for approval. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

### Temporary Polling Place Move

Mr. Coffman explained that two church polling locations would be unavailable for the Second Primary. Precinct 908, Old Town Baptist, and Precinct 033, St. Andrews Presbyterian, have scheduled other events on June 22<sup>nd</sup> that can not be changed. He recommended that the Board temporarily move those voting locations for the Second Primary to other nearby precinct locations. Old Town Baptist would vote at Precinct 909, Old Town Recreation Center; and, St. Andrews Presbyterian would vote at Precinct 111, Providence Moravian Church. Precincts 909 and 111 would designate two separate voting enclosures on Election Day.

The office would mail the information of the change to the voters of Precincts 908 and 033 and post signs at those locations informing voters of the temporary location on Election Day. The letter would also inform them of the Early One Stop schedule. Mr. Coffman stated that approximately 4000 voters would be affected and 2% turnout was expected. Ms. Sutton requested a motion regarding the temporary move of Precinct 908 and Precinct 033 for the Second Primary. Mr. Jordan moved to hold the 2010 Second Primary for Precinct 908 at Precinct 909; and, Precinct 033 at Precinct 111. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Other Business

Mr. Coffman distributed a report presenting early one-stop voter participation for the Second Primary. The Board discussed the law concerning party preference for unaffiliated voters in a Second Primary.

Mr. Coffman stated that Jonathan Cortis had requested to withdraw from the Second Primary. The Board discussed NCGS 163-113 where it states that the candidate must actually be declared the nominee of a political party before he is permitted to resign. Per NCGS 163-114, if the nominee resigns before the date of the general election, the vacancy would be filled by appointment from the members of the county executive committee who reside within the district.

Mr. Coffman stated that the use of electronic poll books in the Primary had increased the efficiency of the voter history task by reducing many hours of work.

#### Personnel Matter (Closed Session)

Ms. Sutton suggested that the Board go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. McGuckin stated that the motion would be based on G.S. 143-138.11 (a) (6) (closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee). Mr. Dickerson moved to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously and the Board went into closed session at 1:23 PM.

#### Adjournment

After the Board returned from closed session at 2:12 PM, Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 PM. The next meeting will be June 15, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the Board of Elections Conference Room.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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Jerry D. Jordan, Member