



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Video Conference Absentee Board Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2020 – 5 p.m.

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments

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5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Pre-Processing of Absentee Ballots
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020 – 5 p.m

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor Professional Development Center on October 6, 2020 at 5:02 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

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Danielle Malone, Carlton Morgan, Adam Clark, Kanitha Englebert, Abigail Hackworth, Evan Millican, Holly Mathis, Suzanne Dorsett and Rosalyn Howard

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. No comments.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Campbell moved to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting minutes; Member Russell Seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Director Tsujii informed the Board of the issuance of Numbered Memo 2020-28 and Memo 2020-29 by the North Carolina State Board of Elections. Numbered Memo 2020-28 directs County Boards to take no action on container-return envelopes with a deficiency. The North Carolina State Board of Elections Numbered Memo 2020-29 guides Board of Election members on how to determine the disposition of an absentee ballot when the witness's or assistant's address can be identified if the witness's or assistant's address on an absentee container-return envelope is incomplete. Director Tsujii commented that the Board has already implemented the practice consistent to the memo.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Director Tsujii asked for the Board's direction in regards to a returned ballot that was completed by a voter who did not request an absentee ballot and was inadvertently delivered someone else's absentee ballot. Chairperson Campbell asked for a motion to contact the voter who requested the absentee ballot and explain to them that the original ballot is spoiled and a ballot will be re-issued to the correct voters. Member Loughridge moved; seconded by Secretary Durrah; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reviewing of the absentee ballots commenced at 5:23 pm.

Ms. Gary submitted 3240 Civilian and 58 Military Overseas ballots, with a total of 3,298 for approval. Ms. Gary asked the Board to review a returned absentee ballot where the voter used a sample ballot to cast her vote. Chairperson Campbell recommended that the ballot be re-issued to the voter with an explanation.

Ms. Gary updated the board with revised numbers: 3294 Civilian and 58 Military Overseas ballots. Chairperson Campbell asked for a motion to approve. Member Jourdan moved to approve; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Jourdan asked for an update on how many absentee ballots were requested, how many were sent and how many have been returned. Director Tsujii reported that 51,838 absentee ballots have been mailed out. The Board of Elections have received 14,284 returned ballots.

Member Jourdan also asked what if a person wanted to vote in person after requesting an absentee ballot. Director Tsujii confirmed that if a voter chooses to vote in person, they may do so, but they will need to discard their absentee ballot.

Member Jourdan asked of what percentage Forsyth County registered voters requested absentee ballots? Director Tsujii reported that Forsyth County has 265,501 voters, almost 20% of the voters requested absentee ballots. Six percent of those absentee ballots have been returned.

Member Jourdan asked about safety measures at polling places. Director Tsujii reported that he has met with all law enforcement and public safety agencies in regards to preparation of an emergency should it come up.

Deputy Director presented the revised minutes from September 17th and September 25th, 2020. No action was required.

The Board Members remained in the meeting room until all opened ballots were scanned through the tabulators.

Member Russell moved to adjourn; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member