

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office, 984-D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for their Organizational Meeting. The following people were present, Laura Heise, Chairman, Charles Ramos, Secretary, Amy Robena Meek, member, Shelby Sue Clark, member, David Delaney, member, and Deputy Director, Steve Simos. See Attached sign in sheet for citizens who were present.

Chairman, Laura Heise called the meeting to order by giving citizens in attendance the opportunity to give comments or concerns. Patricia McDaniels and Victoria Shea from the League of Women voters were present. They wanted the Board of Elections to know that they were willing to do their part in the implementation of voter I.D. They also asked about posting the Board of Elections meeting minutes on the county elections website after each meeting.

The board approved minutes from the following meetings: November 5, 6, 8, 9, 15, and 16, 2018. Laura Heise made the motions to approve the minutes, Amy Meek seconded the motion and four members were in favor. David Delaney abstained from voting since these minutes were written prior to him serving on the board.

Chairman, Laura Heise explained how the board is made up of five members, and they are only required to select a secretary, since the Governor appoints the chairman. Sue Clark made the motion to nominate Charles Ramos as Secretary. Amy meek seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The board reviewed the duties of the Director of Elections under their general supervision, and in conformity with Board rules as provided in G.S. 163A-769. David Delaney made the motion to adopt the Director Duties as written. Amy Meek seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Director presented the board with the budget which was submitted to the County Budget Director for approval by the Chatham County Commissioners. Charles Ramos made the motion to accept the budget as presented to Budget Director for approval by the County Commissioners. Amy Meek seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

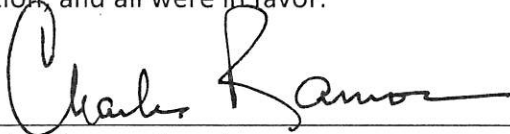
The Director advised the board that the staff did an evaluation of the Paul Braxton Gym in the East Siler City precinct for consideration to be used in the upcoming Municipal Election. In previous Municipal Elections voters in the Municipality in East and West Siler City voted at the Earl B. Fitts Community Center. This space is not large enough to accommodate both precincts. It also causes confusion for the voters. The Director is recommending the use of both facilities to the Board of Elections for the upcoming Municipal Election for the Town of Siler City. The board will revisit and make a final decision at a later date.

Voter I.D. is not required for the 2019 elections, but will be required for the Primary in 2020. The county Board of Elections is required to host two public seminars for the purpose of

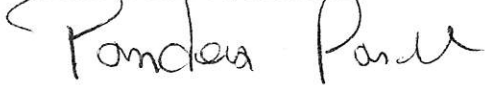
educating the public about voter ID and which ID's are acceptable. The two seminars will be held on May 20, 2019 at the Chatham County Agricultural Conference Center in Pittsboro, NC. The times are 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The staff will publicize the events by putting ads in the local newspaper, social media, radio station, and throughout neighborhoods Homeowners Associations.

The Director and the Deputy Director will meet with the Party Chairmen, in April to discuss poll worker recruitment. The purpose of this meeting is to give them information and a detailed job description of election officials who are appointed by them to work at the precincts on Election Day.

Charles Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Amy Meek seconded the motion, and all were in favor.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest