

**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES**  
**984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312**  
**April 16, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.**

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The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office, 984-D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for their Regular Scheduled Meeting. The following people were present, Laura Heise, Chairman, Charles Ramos, Secretary, Amy Robena Meek, member, and Shelby (Sue) Clark, member, Director, Pandora Paschal, and Deputy Director, Steve Simos. See Attached sign in sheet for citizens who were present. David Delaney was not present at the meeting, due to plans made prior to his appointment to the board.

Chairman, Laura Heise called the meeting to order by giving citizens in attendance the opportunity to give comments or concerns. Victoria Shea from the League of Women voters was present. She asked about early voting in Siler City for the Municipal Election, and if the new law had an effect on the hours of operation. The response to her question was the town has not approached the Board of Elections about having an additional site there. The new law does affect the hours of operations from setting a schedule that would work for their convenience, to having to stay open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The board approved minutes from the March 16, 2019 meeting. Charles Ramos made the motions to approve the minutes. Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The board was informed that Chatham County Commissioner Walter Petty (REP), who is the Representative for District 5, resigned at the Board of Commissioner's meeting on, April 15, 2019. The Board of Commissioners will appoint someone to fill the vacancy from names submitted by the Republican Party Chairman. This person will serve until after the General Election in 2020, unless they are elected.

An update was given to the board about the meeting with the Party Chairmen. The Director and the Deputy met with the Party Chairman from the Democratic, and Republican parties on April 15, 2019, at the Board of Elections office at 9:00 a.m. Emails were sent by the Deputy Director inviting the Constitution, Green and Libertarian parties to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about Poll Worker recruitment and appointments for Chief Judges and Judges for the next two years.

The Director, gave the board members information pertaining to the State Board of Elections certification program specifically for board members. The brochure included the requirements for board members to obtain their certification. The staff and board are required to attend the Summer Conference given by the State Board of Elections on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Raleigh/Durham Research Triangle, in Cary, NC.

A letter was received by the Director, from Chairperson, Zoe Lofgren by way of the Executive Director of the National Association of Election Officials, Tim Mattice, to see if counties had

received any of the grant money that Congress appropriated last year for states to purchase new voting equipment and to enhance security of elections system. The committee wants to know if money was received since September of 2018. If so, in what amounts and for what purposes. The letter also ask if funds that had not been received since September of 2018 were funds needed at the local level to secure elections. Responses are requested by May 15, 2019. Amy Meek made the motion that the Director respond to the letter from the Congressional Committee on behalf of the Board. Charles Ramos seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The board asked for an update on the certification of voting equipment by the State Board of Election. There has not been any new equipment certified in the state of North Carolina at this time. The State Board of Elections will take this matter into consideration soon.

Precinct Census should be out before the end of April, 2019.

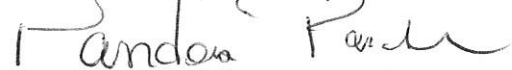
The board were given temporary procedures for 08 NC AC 17 .0107 Voter Photo Identification Card information. This rules are subject to change. The State Board of Elections will present the current rules at the Voter I.D. seminars on May 20, 2019. The staff will get with Public Relations Director, Debra Henzey to disseminate information to the public to ensure high turnout.

There was no other elections business to discuss. Shelby (Sue) Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Meek, seconded the motion, and al were in favor.



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Charles Ramos, Secretary



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Pandora Paschal, Attest