

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES
984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
May 21, 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 Regular Scheduled Meeting. The following people were present, Laura Heise, Chair, Charles Ramos, Secretary, Amy Robena Meek, member, and Shelby (Sue) Clark, member, David Delaney, member, Director, Pandora Paschal, and Deputy Director, Steve Simos. See attached sign in sheet for citizens who were present.

Chair, Laura Heise called the meeting to order by giving citizens in attendance the opportunity to give comments or concerns. There were no public comments.

The Chairman asked if there were any items to add to the agenda. The following items were added:

1. Information about State Board of Election training material updates for Campaign Finance, and other training for citizens.
2. Update on staffing changes at State Board of Elections
3. Update on voter photo ID seminars

The board approved minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting. Charles Ramos made the motion to approve the minutes. David Delaney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Director gave the Board an update on Chief Judges and Judges, who had responded to the letter requesting that their name be submitted to the party chairmen for appointment for the next two years.

The Director informed the Board that there would be Precinct Official recruitment sessions during the week of June 10th – 14th, 2019 from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM, and 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM daily, and there are plans to have another session in July following candidate filing.

The Board was given the plans for the Board of Elections office in the new Pittsboro Town Hall building to review and make revisions as necessary to ensure it provides the office with space and security to render efficient elections.

The Director presented the Board with the revised duties and responsibilities of her job. The general statues number changed since the last document was signed. The board accepted the revision and signed the document. The Director will forward a copy to the State Board of Elections to have on file as stated in the law.

Board member David Delaney asked how soon the State Board of Elections will update the training for Campaign Finance and other training software for citizens to be able to use, without having problems with accessibility. The elections office staff will make an inquiry to the State Board of Elections concerning this matter and have an answer at the next meeting.

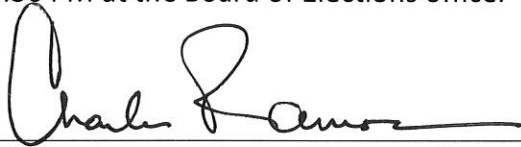
The Director gave an update on the Voter ID Seminars presented by the State Board of Elections on May 20, 2019. At the morning session there were approximately 45 people in attendance, and at the evening session there were approximately 20 people in attendance. The evening event was videoed and will be placed on the Board of Elections website.

The Director gave an update on the new Executive Director for the State Board of Elections, who will be appointed on June 1, 2019. Her name is Karen Brinson Bell. She is a former Director of Elections for Transylvania County, she was a DET (District Election Technician) for a District in North Carolina, and she worked for a voting software company.

The Director gave the Board a reminder concerning the county's policy and the law (G.S. 153A.99) pertaining to County Employee Political Activity and their rights. The Board and the elections staff has the right to be affiliated with any political group or party, but when working for the county or the Board of Elections employees should remain non-partisan at all times.

Deputy Director, Steve Simos gave the Board and citizens who were present at the meeting a demonstration of how a N.C. Voter Photo ID card is issued and printed upon request by a voter.

Shelby (Sue) Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Meek seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be June 18, 2019, at 5:30 PM at the Board of Elections office.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



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