

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES
984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
June 18, 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, 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 and asked if there were any items to add to the agenda. There was one item added, which was left off by mistake. Citizen Input was added as the number two item on the agenda. The floor was opened up for citizens to speak. Victoria Shea asked if the Town of Siler City had contacted the office concerning an early voting site in Siler City. The Director, delayed answering the question until item number five on the agenda was discussed, which was to discuss early voting for October and November elections.

The Director, Pandora Paschal gave the board an update on Election Officials Recruitment held during the week of June 10-14, 2019. There were a total of 29 people who signed up to work elections on Election Day, and Early Voting for the 2020 elections. There will be another recruitment session held during the week of July 22-26, 2019 to further increase the pool of Election Officials.

Deputy Director Steve Simos informed the Board that voting equipment certification is at a standstill until the State Board of Elections can obtain further documentation on who owns the companies and if any foreign entities have any ownership at stake. Once the state board is satisfied with the information, it will be put back on the agenda for approval. There are currently three companies left that have completed the certification process and are looking to do business in North Carolina. ES&S is looking to certify new equipment and software. Hart Intercivic and Clear Ballot are the other two companies. We have already tested the DS200 from ES&S in the last election. Once the voting equipment is certified we will hopefully test new equipment in the Cary and Pittsboro/Siler City/Goldston municipal elections, so that the Board can make an informed decision on which voting equipment to recommend to the Chatham County commissioners for purchase.

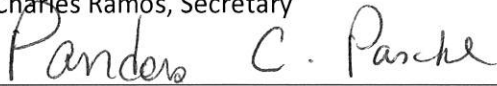
The board was given information to review pertaining to early voting information from the 2017 elections. The town of Siler City as of today has not reached out to the board of elections to hold early voting in Siler City for the 2019 Election. The Board of Elections does not initiate this process to the towns, since the towns are responsible for reimbursing the board for the cost incurred. The Director, Pandora Paschal suggested to the board to wait until candidate filing begins before determining hours for early voting. Doing so will allow a better decision to be made, based on contested races or any controversial items that maybe on the ballot.

The board received resignations from Democratic member David Delaney, and Republican member, Shelby (Sue) Clark. David Delaney resigned immediately on May 24, 2019, and Shelby (Sue) Clark gave her resignation on March 29, 2019. She will stay on the board until an appointment is made by the Republican Party. Both parties have been notified of the vacancies, and they have notified the state parties with recommendations for replacements.

There was no further business. Amy Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Charles Ramos seconded the motion. All were favor.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest