

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES
ABSENTEE/REGULAR MEETING
984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
October 15, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office, 984-D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for a Required Absentee/Regular Meeting. The following people were present, Chair, Laura Heise, Secretary, Charles Ramos, Member, Amy Meek, Member, Brian Bock, Member, Mark Barroso, Director, Pandora Paschal, and Deputy Director, Steve Simos.

Chair, Laura Heise called the meeting to order. There were two citizens in attendance at the meeting. Chair, Laura Heise gave them the opportunity to make comments.

The board approved minutes from the October 11, 2019 and October 14, 2019 meetings. Amy Meek made the motion. Charles Ramos, seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

There were no absentee ballots for approval for this meeting. Steve Simos, Deputy Director did receive two absentee ballots by mail in which the voters' signatures were in the incorrect space on the envelope. The previous board made a decision to approve the ballot as long as the voters' signature was on the envelope and had the proper witness signatures, and also if the notary signature was signed in the incorrect space and the voter signature was on the envelope. The board agreed they would keep these same rules in place for future approvals. The two absentee ballots will be counted at the next board meeting.

Mark Barroso, asked if a board member could proxy their vote. It was verified by the State Board of Elections that a board member must be present to vote or vote remotely by telephone.

Steve Simos gave an update on having extra Bodno printers for photo ID at one stop voting sites. The State Board of Elections is looking into a policy for counties to obtain additional machines, and possibly funding. The board agreed if there was not a policy made, we would look into purchasing one additional printer to take to different parts of the county to assist voters in obtaining the free photo ID.

At the request of the Chair, Laura Heise, Director, Pandora Paschal, gave the board information about the List Maintenance process, which aids in keeping the voter rolls clean.

The board was given the dates for LA testing by Hart InterCivic for the November 5, 2019 election. Testing will be at the Board of Elections office on October 24, 2019, time to TBD.

On October 28, 2019 Hart InterCivic will train Election Officials from the East and West Siler City precincts on the operation of the equipment for the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election.

Patricia Daniels with the League of Women Voter's stated they will host the non-partisan group "You Can Vote" on November 14, 2019 at 3:00 pm to inform citizens about voting and photo ID.

The meeting was adjourned.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest