

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES

984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312

January 21, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office, 984-D Thompson Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 on January 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the Regular Meeting. The following people were present, Chair, Laura Heise, Secretary, Charles Ramos, Member, Amy Meek, Member, Brian Bock, Director, Pandora Paschal and Deputy Director, Steve Simos.

Secretary, Charles Ramos, asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Afterwards, he led everyone in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chair, Laura Heise called the meeting to order, and ask for approval of the agenda as written. The board approved the agenda as written.

Citizens present were given the opportunity to speak during the public input session. The citizens in attendance had no comments.

The board approved the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting. Amy Meek made the motion. Charles Ramos seconded it. They were all in favor.

The board signed the Resolution they adopted at the November 19, 2019 meeting to move voting from Perry Harrison Elementary School, Pittsboro, NC, 27312, to the CCCC Health Science Building, 75 Ballentrae Ct., Pittsboro, NC 27312.

The Director Pandora Paschal gave the board updates on the Numbered Memo 2020-1 from the SBOE pertaining to the Voter ID injunction. All mailings from the SBOE have ceased, SBOE and county website should be updated to show there will be no ID required to vote in the March 3, 2020 Primary election. All posters with information about showing ID should be removed from the office, and there will be no more Voter ID cards issued as long as the injunction is in place. Notices have been sent to Institutions with approved IDs.

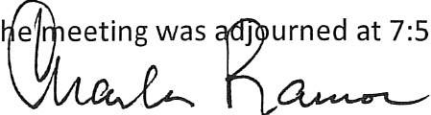
Deputy Director Steve Simos presented changes to the absentee voting by mail process. An absentee request form is now valid only if returned by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or a bipartisan assistance team. The board reviewed the new request form, and he updated them on the logs in which persons returning ballot request or ballots are required to sign.

Director Pandora Paschal informed the board that she met with Steve Newton from EOC to develop an emergency plan for early voting in the event of a disaster related to weather or other issues. She also informed the board that she is scheduling a visit for them to tour the CCCC Health Science Building where early voting will be held in the northern part of the county. A meeting has been scheduled with Kara Dudley, Public Information Officer for Chatham County, to organize a publicity blitz for the two new early voting sites.

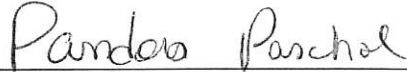
The board was given an update on the process of the new voting equipment, which was purchased in December 2019. They were given early voting and Election Day training schedules for poll workers. They were also given information about the SBOE training scheduled for February 2-4, 2020 for board members and staff in Concord, NC.

The board discussed issues that may arise from controversial events held at the Agriculture and Conference Center while early voting is going on. The board stated since voters have a separate entrance to the building they felt relatively secure. If necessary security will be added to ensure peace and order at the early voting site.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest