

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR/RE-CANVASS MEETING
984-D Thompson St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
March 17, 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 March 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the regular scheduled and Re-Canvass meeting. The following people were present, Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Amy Meek, Member Brian Bock, Member Mark Barroso, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Elections Specialist Chance Mashburn, and Temp. Employee Donald Lyerly.

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.

Carolyn Miller Human Resource Director/Risk Management Director gave the board an update on COVID-19 and how it is impacting services for county departments.

Due to the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic for the April 21, 2020 board meeting the board agreed not to meet in person until the situation is under control. The board will explore options for meeting by phone or a web based program. The office will remain open with limited access to the public. Citizens are asked to call the office before coming.

The board and staff did an After Action Review of the March 3, 2020 Primary Election to address issues at the following sites. The following items will be in place to ensure the election process runs smoother for the November 3, 2020 election:

Chatham County Agricultural Conference Center early voting site during the March 3, 2020 Primary.

- The Board of Elections will have the opportunity to review events being held at the center during early voting dates to avoid any controversial issues during voting.
- The Board of Elections will be allowed to open up more space to allow voters in line to be inside the building, and will add signs addressing usage of rest rooms for voters.
- Vote Here signage will be placed at the front entrance of the center pointing voters to the correct entrance for voting purposes.

CCCC Health Science Building early voting site/**Manns Chapel** precinct.

- Sufficient number of efficient workers, including a greeter with a tablet to check registrations to ensure people in line who are voting out of precinct will be given the option to vote provisional or go to their assigned precinct.

- 2 laptops will be added at the Help Station and 3 people for curbside voting.
- Additional voting booths will be added.
- Signage will plainly distinguish early voting (CCCC Health Science Building) from Election Day voting (Mann's Chapel Precinct).
- The address to the voting site is now in google maps along with directions.

The board Re-Canvassed the election returns and completed the 2020 Primary Election Abstract of Votes to certify the official election results for the Primary Election due to the absence of a board member at the Canvass meeting on March 13, 2020.

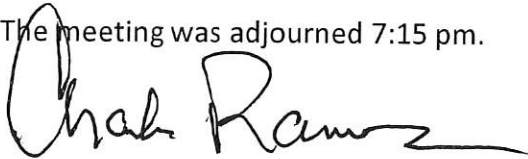
Director Pandora Paschal informed the board of the completion of the petition Franklin Gomez for Commissioner. He exceeded the number of signatures required for his name to be on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for the November 3, 2020 election. He was required to obtain 2,148 signatures. There were 3,307 signatures checked and 3,110 were valid. Laura Heise Chair signed the Petition Certification Letter. Staff will notify Franklin Gomez of his eligibility to file to run for office.

Laura Heise made the motion to go into closed session for personnel matters. Mark Barroso seconded the motion and all were in favor.

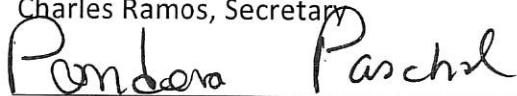
Laura Heise made the motion to come out of closed session to resume the meeting. Mark Barroso seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Laura Heise asked the staff to send meeting reminder emails to all board members, and asked board members to reply with the status of their plans to attend.

The meeting was adjourned 7:15 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest