

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ABSENTEE MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office

984 Thompson Street, Suite F

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Live Streamed by TaJTalk.com

October 9, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met at the Chatham County Board of Elections office at 984 Thompson Street Suite F, Pittsboro, NC 27312 on October 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via live stream video provided by TaJTalk to conduct the business of counting absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 election. Citizens were given the opportunity to listen only. Prior to the meeting citizens were instructed to email the Director of Elections with comments or concerns to be addressed later.

The following people were present: Chair Laura Heise, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, temporary employee Peter Zelechowski, and videographer Aaron Hall.

Call to Order

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Laura Heise asked if anyone had anything to add to the agenda. Chair Heise added the topic: How to handle ballots with clear mistakes. It was determined if the voter made errors on the ballot such as an over vote the ballot would be cast as is. The board will use the same procedure that is used when the voter is voting in person and they leave the ballot in the tabulator before it is accepted. The person feeding the ballot will accept the ballot as voted.

Member Frank Dunphy II led the group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approve Absentee Ballots

The board members in attendance signed the tapes and examined the ballot box before approving ballots for this meeting.

Beginning count machine #1 – 1636

Beginning count machine #2 – 1826

Beginning count machine #3 – 2226

The board reviewed the civilian absentee envelopes to ensure that required signatures for the voter, the witness and the person assisting if needed were provided before approval.

There were 816 civilian ballots for approval for this meeting. Chair Laura Heise made the motion to approve the 816 civilian ballots. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The board verified the duplicated military and overseas ballots to ensure staff replications were correct.

Member Frank Dunphy II made the motion to approve 16 military and 18 overseas ballots. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

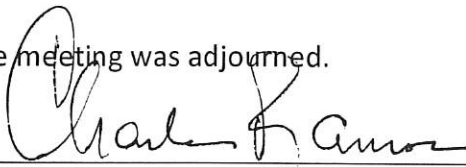
All ballots were fed into the tabulator for counting.

Ending count on machine #1 – 1928

Ending count on machine #2 – 2179

Ending count on machine #3 – 2471

The meeting was adjourned.

 2/16/21

Charles Ramos, Secretary

 2/26/21

Pandora Paschal, Attest