

## **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 20, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.**

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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 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.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.

The following people were present: chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Member Mark Barroso, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, temporary employee Donald Lyerly, and videographer Aaron Hall.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Laura Heise asked if anyone had anything to add to the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

Secretary Charles Ramos led the group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **Explanation of Cure Process**

Chair Laura Heise asked Deputy Director Steve Simos if there were updates to the cure process for absentee ballots that had witness deficiencies. There had been no changes made at this time. We are still awaiting guidance from the state Board of Elections as soon as a ruling is made by the court.

### **Approve Ballots**

The board members that were present signed the tapes and examined the ballot box before approving ballots for this meeting.

Beginning count machine #1 – 3139

Beginning count machine #2 – 2665

Beginning count machine #3 – 2389

There were 1220 civilian ballots, 1 military, and 11 overseas ballots for approval for this meeting.

### **Approve civilian Absentee Ballots**

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.

Member Amy Meek made the motion to approve the 1220 civilian ballots. Member Mark Barroso seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Early Voting Applications**

The board reviewed the early voting applications from all early voting sites from October 16, 2020 thru October 19, 2020. Member Amy Meek made the motion the approve early voting applications for October 16, 2020 thru October 19, 2020. Member Mark Barroso seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Military/Overseas Ballots**

The board review 1 military ballot and the 11 overseas replicated ballots that the staff replicated prior to the meeting. Chair Laura Heise made the motion to approve 1 military ballot and the 11 overseas ballots. Secretary Charles Ramos seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

All ballots were fed into the tabulator for counting.

Ending count on machine #1 – 3583

Ending count on machine #2 – 3076

Ending count on machine #3 – 2766

Member Amy Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Charles Ramos 2/16/21  
Charles Ramos, Secretary

Pandora Paschal 2/16/21

Pandora Paschal, Attest