

# **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 22, 2020 - 2:00 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 22, 2020 at 2:00 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 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 2:00 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.

## **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 – 2766

Beginning count machine #2 – 3076

Beginning count machine #3 – 3583

There were 709 civilian ballots, 7 military, and 15 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.

Chair Laura Heise made the motion to approve the 709 civilian ballots. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion and all were in favor. Board members and staff proceeded to open the approved ballot envelopes.

Upon opening the envelopes, four discrepancies were found. One envelope had 2 ballots enclosed along with another voter's envelope. 3 envelopes had signature discrepancies, either the witness signature was missing, or the voter's signature was missing.

Chair Laura Heise made the motion to adjust the civilian absentee total from 709 to 705 for approval. Member Frank Dunphy II 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 20, 2020 – October 21, 2020. Chair Laura Heise made the motion the approve early voting applications for October 20, 2020 – October 21, 2020. Member Mark Barroso seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Military/Overseas ballots**

The board reviewed the 7 military and the 15 overseas ballots that the staff replicated prior to the meeting. Chair Laura Heise made the motion to approve the 7 military ballots. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Member Mark Barroso made the motion to approve the 15 overseas ballots. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

All ballots were fed into the tabulator for counting.

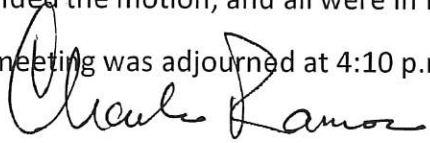
Ending count on machine #1 – 2985

Ending count on machine #2 – 3348

Ending count on machine #3 – 3819

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 4:10 p.m.

 2/16/21

Charles Ramos, Secretary

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Pandora Paschal, Attest