

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 30, 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 30, 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.

The following people were present: Chair Laura Heise, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, temporary employee Donald Lyerly, 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. There were no changes or additions.

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

Director Pandora Paschal informed the Board that Chatham County experienced a Cyber Incident on October 28, 2020 resulting in the network being down. Phones were also impacted. The incident did not affect absentee by mail or early voting. The State Elections Information Management System, which is how the staff manages all election administration, was not compromised because it is on a separate server from the county. Citizens were given the phone number to contact the office for questions or concerns. They were also given the email address for overseas and military voters to email their ballots. The staff was issued laptops from the State Board of Elections to keep election administration from being interrupted.

Member Frank Dunphy II asked several questions pertaining to the security of the tabulated votes on the Hart InterCivic voting equipment, and on the process of uploading votes on election night from the office. Deputy Director Steve Simos explained the process and assured him that none of the equipment used had internet connection. On election night everything that is done with uploading votes is done under the supervision of the Board in a bipartisan manner.

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 – 3255

Beginning count machine #2 – 3630

Beginning count machine #3 – 4139

There were 450 civilian ballots, 7 military, and 1 military ballot 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 450 civilian ballots. Chair Laura Heise seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Board members and staff proceeded to open the approved ballot envelopes.

Early Voting Applications

The Board reviewed the early voting applications from all early voting sites from October 28, 2020 – October 29, 2020. Member Amy Meek made the motion to the approve early voting applications for October 28, 2020 – October 29, 2020. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Military ballot

The Board reviewed 1 military ballot that the staff replicated prior to the meeting. Member Amy Meek made the motion to approve the 1 military ballot. Member Frank Dunphy seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

All ballots were fed into the tabulator for counting.

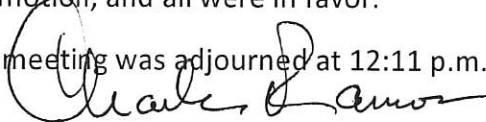
Ending count on machine #1 – 3417

Ending count on machine #2 – 3712

Ending count on machine #3 – 4346

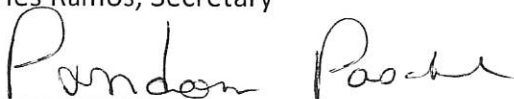
Chair Laura Heise made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.



2/16/21

Charles Ramos, Secretary



2/14/21

Pandora Paschal, Attest