

# CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING

## Canvass

Chatham County Board of Elections Office

984 Thompson Street, Suite F

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Live Streamed by TAJTalk.com

November 13, 2020 – 11:00 A.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 November 13, 2020, at 11:00 p.m. via live stream video provided by TaJTalk to conduct Canvass 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, and videographer Aaron Hall.

### Call to Order

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order at 11:00 p.m. by giving the public an explanation of what the canvass meeting entailed. Secretary Charles Ramos led everyone in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### Certification of Votes

The board adjusted the results after removing votes from 3 challenged ballots, and adding 1 vote from the reissued absentee ballot by mail. Republican Member Frank Dunphy II and Democratic Member Amy Meek observed as Deputy Director Steve Simos read out 3 deductions and added votes for the 1 absentee mail ballot to Machine Technician Carla Daniel to enter into Verity Count. After the adjustments were made. Chair Laura Heise, and Secretary Charles Ramos observed as the final totals were uploaded to Election Night Reporting in the State Election Information Management System in the director's office.

Director Pandora Paschal presented all daily audit information from each of the 6 early voting sites and the 18 precincts for the board to review at their pleasure.

Once the final totals were entered the Board certified the November 3, 2020 election by signing all required documents in triplicates to be sent to the State Board of Elections, the Chatham County Clerk of Court, and one to maintain in the office. Total ballots cast for this election was 48,809. Chatham County had an 84.26% voter turnout.

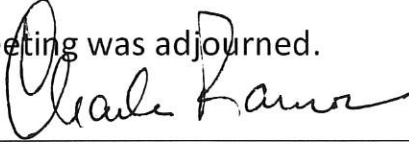
### **Summation of the November 3, 2020 Election**

The board gave feedback on the election. Secretary Charles Ramos stated the poll workers were great and worked well as a team. Each voting site he visited functioned well. There were no major problems, and the Judges did a great job. Member Amy Meek stated that she thought the Democracy Hero's drive was very beneficial in obtaining enough poll workers to work for this election during the pandemic. Chair Laura Heise thought the many sessions of in person elections training paid off. Member Mark Barroso wanted to give a shout out to the public because we had no intimidation or harassment at any of the voting sites. He also stated that the campaigners were very polite. Member Frank Dunphy II asked the question, how would we have coped if key staff had fallen ill? Director Pandora Paschal and Deputy Director Steve Simos assured him that together we both have a lot of elections experience and we are cross trained. The State Board of elections would give us backup as needed. He also asked if the office was staffed adequately. Director Pandora Paschal responded staffing needs would be addressed at a future meeting.

Deputy Director Steve Simos commended the Director Pandora Paschal for being a great leader and the Board of Elections staff for doing a great job. He also gave thanks to the following county departments for assisting in the success of the election: Machine Technician Carla Daniel, the entire IT Department, Chatham County HR, Chatham County Finance Department, Kevin Keys, and the Maintenance Department, Larry Bridges and public works staff, Steve Newton and Emergency Operations, Mike Roberson and the Sheriff Department, Chatham County Board of Education and all school staff for allowing us to use the schools for polling places and for making Election Day an optional teacher workday, New Hope Baptist church for allowing us to use their facility as an early voting site, Emmaus Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facility as a polling site for Hadley Precinct, Larilee Isley and the CCACC staff, all temporary board of elections staff, early voting Site Managers, all election officials who worked early voting and

Election Day, and Aaron Hall at TaJTalk for live streaming all of our absentee meetings. Director Pandora Paschal dittoed everything Deputy Director Steve Simos said. She stated it could not be done without all the team. She stated she is grateful to have a great staff and Board.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Charles Ramos, Secretary



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Pandora Paschal, Attest