

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS EMERGENCY MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office

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GoToMeeting

July 16, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met for an Emergency Meeting via GoToMeeting on July 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. to vote on extending the filing period for the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District.

The following people were present: Chair Laura Heise, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Member Mark Barroso, Director Pandora Paschal, and Deputy Director Steve Simos. Secretary Charles Ramos was not in attendance. He was notified by email and by telephone prior to the meeting.

Call to Order

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order. She explained the reason for the meeting, which was the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District had 2 seats open for the November 2, 2021, election, but only 1 person filed for the office at the time of the close of the filing period on Friday July 16, 2021, at noon. N.C. G.S. § 163-294.4. (a) allows the board of elections to extend the filing period for five days.

Members in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the reason for the meeting before the vote. Chair Heise made the motion to extend the filing period for the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District Board beginning Monday, July 19, 2021, until Friday July 23, 2021, noon. Member Amy meek seconded the motion. All were in favor to extend the filing period for the dates specified in the motion.

Member Mark Barroso asked the staff to notify the Chatham News of the extension. Director Pandora Paschal stated she would also notify the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the Goldston Town Clerk, and the President of the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District Board of the extension.

Member Amy Meek asked, what would happen if no one came to file during the extended period? Director Pandora Paschal stated that write ins are allowed in this contest. The Sanitary Board should have guidance pertaining to filling the seat, if not we will seek guidance from the State Board of Elections.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary not present

Charles Ramos, Secretary

Pandora Paschal

Pandora Paschal, Attest