

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office

984 Thompson Street, Suite D

Pittsboro, NC 27312

GoToMeeting/Live Streamed

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October 5, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

The Chatham County Board of Elections met for the first absentee meeting at the Chatham County Board of Elections office at 984 Thompson Street Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 on October 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting (live streamed).

The following people were present: Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Amy Meek, Member Frank Dunphy II, Member Mark Barroso (remotely), Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, and Election Specialist Chance Mashburn.

Secretary Charles Ramos led everyone in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Call to Order

Chair Laura Heise called the meeting to order by stating a quorum was present. She stated there was no public input received from citizens to the Director prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Charles Ramos made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021, meeting. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor 5-0.

New Business

Approve Absentee ballots

Chair Heise stated there were no absentee ballots to approve for this meeting. Deputy Director Steve Simos gave an update on how many ballots were sent out to voters. There were 2 civilian ballots, 7 military ballots (3 mailed, and 4 emailed), and 11 overseas ballots (emailed) for a total of 20 ballots. There were 11 requests received that are not valid for this election because the voters do not live within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Goldston, the Town of Pittsboro nor the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District.

Other Elections Business

Director Pandora Paschal reminded citizens that the voter registration deadline to vote in the November 2, 2021, election is Friday, October 8, 2021, and that early voting will begin October 14, 2021, at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro, NC.


Deputy Director Steve Simos reminded citizens that only one absentee request is valid per election. If they submitted one for this election, they would need to send another request for the March 2022 Primary.

Chair Heise asked Director Pandora Paschal for an update on the appointment for a replacement for the Republican Judge in the East Williams precinct. Director Pandora Paschal stated that the Board of Elections staff has not received any information from the Republican Party Chairman Terry Schmidt. Staff will reach out to him to see if he will approve Denise Umberger as the judge or if he would like to submit another name before the judge training scheduled in November. Chair Heise stated the deadline for the Republican Party Chairman to submit the name will be November 1, 2021.

Member Frank Dunphy II made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, attest