

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CANVASS

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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November 9, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

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, Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, and Machine Technician Carla Daniel.

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 stating the purpose for the meeting. Canvass is when the Board of Elections certifies that all votes have been tallied and counted for the November 2, 2021 election. Chair Heise stated there was a quorum to conduct the meeting. Five members were present as stated above.

Approve Minutes

November 1, 2021 & November 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Amy Meek made the motion to approve the minutes for both dates. Secretary Charles Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0).

Prepare CANVASS Reports

Chair Heise stated that before preparation of CANVASS documents there was an issue that had to be addressed concerning the final vote count. Deputy Director Steve Simos explained to the board that a discrepancy had been discovered during the audit of voter history and total ballots cast in the absentee by mail ballots. There was one overseas voter whose ballot was not transcribed and fed into the tabulator at a previous meeting. He stated to the board their need to duplicate this ballot onto an official ballot and add the totals to the supplemental absentee ballot machine which the polls had been closed; however, the thumb drive had not been removed from the supplemental absentee ballot tabulator at the meeting from the previous day. Deputy Director Steve Simos shared the incident report with the board. The board thanked the staff for their transparency and integrity. The ballot was duplicated. The polls were reopened on the machine and the ballot was fed into the tabulator and added to the previous totals which were verified by the board.

The board completed all documents to certify the November 2, 2021 election.

Approve Judge for North Williams

The Democratic Party Judge appointed for North Williams precinct in August 2021 to serve for a 2-year appointment resigned. The board of elections staff consulted with the Democratic Party Chair Liz Guinan and received her approval before recommending the board approve Barbara Polk as the new Democratic Party Judge for the North Williams precinct. Member Amy Meek made the motion to approve Barbara Polk as the Democratic Party Judge for North Williams precinct. Charles Ramos seconded the motion, and the vote to approve was 5-0.

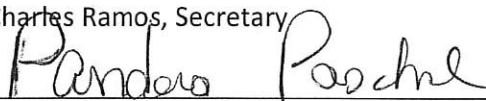
Other Elections Business

The board discussed the meeting agenda for the November 16, 2021 regular meeting. Chair Heise stated she wanted to do a post-election review of what went well, and what didn't work well. She also wanted to discuss early voting plans for the March 8, 2022 Primary Election and have comments from citizens prior to the December meeting when the board votes to approve the plan. Member Frank Dunphy II made the motion to move the December 21, 2021 regular meeting to December 14, 2021. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0).

Member Amy Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

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Charles Ramos, Secretary

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Pandora Paschal, Attest