

## CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office  
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February 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Member Frank Dunphy II led everyone in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Heise called the meeting to order stating that this is a special meeting. Chair Heise stated there was a quorum to conduct the meeting. Three board members were present remotely and two members were present in person at the office as stated above.

### **Approve Majority and Minority plans for May 17, 2022, Primary Election**

Chair Heise stated that for this special meeting the board would only conduct business for the one item on the agenda, which is to vote on the majority one stop plan and the minority one stop plan for the May 17, 2022 Primary Election. In December the board voted on these same plans, but they were voted on for the then scheduled March 8, 2022 Primary Election. The Chatham County Board of Elections Director was informed by the North Carolina State Board of Elections that the board would need to meet and vote on these plans for the rescheduled Primary Election to be held on May 17, 2022. There are two options, which have not changed from the previous plans. Option 1 is the minority plan, which has no Sunday voting, and Option 2 the majority plan which includes two Sundays for voting.

Chair Heise asked for a motion to approve the minority plan, option 1. Secretary Charles Ramos made the motion to approve the minority plan, option 1 with no Sunday voting. Member Frank Dunphy II seconded the motion. All were not in favor. The vote was 2 in favor, Secretary Charles Ramos, and Member Frank Dunphy II. Three were not in favor, Chair Laura Heise, Member Amy Meek, and Member Mark Barroso. The vote was 2-3.

Member Amy Meek made the motion to approve the majority plan, option 2 including Sunday voting. Member Mark Barroso seconded the motion. All were not in favor. Three were in favor, Chair Laura Heise, Member Amy Meek, and Member Mark Barroso. Three was not in favor, Secretary Charles Ramos, and Member Frank Dunphy II. The vote was 3-2.

Chair Heise explained that because this was a nonunanimous plan the plans will go to the North Carolina State Board of Elections to decide whether there will be voting on Sunday in Chatham County. The state board will decide the fate of the plans at their March 7, 2022 meeting. Chair Heise stated that there is a link on the state's website for citizens to offer comments for or opposing the plans. Chair Heise will be speaking to the state board for the Majority plan, and Secretary Charles Ramos will be speaking for the Minority plan.

Secretary Charles Ramos made the motion. Chair Laura Heise seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.



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Secretary Charles Ramos



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Attest, Pandora Paschal