

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
984 Thompson Street, Suite D
Pittsboro, NC 27312
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Recorded meeting is available at <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs/board-of-elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>

April 12, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

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
MIS/Machine Tech Sarah Gitt

Call to Order

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

Chair Heise called the meeting to order stating that this is the first absentee meeting for the May 17, 2022 delayed Municipal/Primary Elections. Chair Heise stated a quorum was present to conduct the meeting. She said the purpose of the meeting was to approve and process returned absentee ballots. Citizens were reminded that the board would meet each Tuesday through Election Day to process absentee ballots. The regular board meeting will be April 19, 2022, after the absentee meeting which begins at 5:00 pm. Required Logic and Accuracy Testing will be done at this meeting to ensure the voting equipment read the ballots accurately.

Process Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Simos stated there were 214 civilian, 2 military, and 10 overseas ballots sent out for a total of 226 ballots. He stated that most of the facilities had responded for MAT assistance. The teams made visits to facilities to assist in requesting and voting the ballots. There are 2 ballots returned to process for this meeting.

Board members were instructed to examine the ballot box to ensure that it was empty, and to check the zero tape to show there has been no ballots cast on the machine. Steve reminded board members when putting ballots in the tabulator that they should not be seen by the public, and not to call out CIV numbers to protect the voter's privacy and to adhere to the NC election law.

After the board examined the returned ballot containers and found that all required information was on them, Chair Heise made the motion to approve the 2 returned ballots. All board members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

The ballots were put in the tabulator. Before adjourning the meeting, the board verified the count on the tabulator. Beginning count was 0, and ending county was 2. The tabulator was suspended until the next absentee meeting. When the board meet for the next absentee meeting the beginning count on the tabulator should be 2.

Member Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

 ~  2/19/22

Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest