

**CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE /REGULAR MEETING**

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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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 26, 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

Call to Order

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

Chair Heise stated that this is the third absentee meeting and there is a quorum. Member Meek is on her way, and she will let citizens know when she arrives. The business of this meeting was to process 35 civilian absentee ballots and 1 Overseas ballot that arrived since the last meeting. There will be no public comment until after the counting process is complete. People watching the livestream were instructed to put comments in the chat box if needed.

Deputy Director Simos shared the memo from the North Carolina State Board of Elections about how to handle absentee ballot deficiencies. The board verified the number of absentee ballot envelopes with the names on the list and verified that the envelopes had all required signatures before approving for counting. Member Meek made the motion to approve 35 civilian absentee ballots. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. The board duplicated the emailed overseas absentee ballot before approval. Member Meek made the motion to approve 1 overseas ballot. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

The board verified the count on the Verity Scanner before inserting the approved ballots. The beginning count was 20. After all ballots were fed into the Verity Scanner the ending total was 56.

Other Elections Business


Chair Heise asked other board members if they received her note about the process going forward with the budget. We are waiting for information from the budget team as to whether the salary request for staff would be implemented in the budget. Chair Heise suggested if there was a large number of absentee ballots on May 16, 2022, which is the same day for the Public Hearing for the budget, the board could send written comments if they were unable to attend in person.

Chair Heise asked if board members had the opportunity to read all the memos forwarded by Director Paschal from the North Carolina State Board of Elections. She stated the one that struck her the most was the plea for board members to be present at Canvass in person.


Members Barroso and Meek gave the board an update on placing an ad on Facebook. Chair Heise stated the ad would need to run on Facebook before early voting starts.

Director Paschal stated that Chat 2 Vote is giving the board of elections a free trial for use through the Primary Election. Chatham County Public Information Officer, Kara Dudley, sent out a news release, about early voting starting and she included the "QR" code for Chat 2 Vote.

Secretary Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm. Member Barroso seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

 MAY 3, 2022

Charles Ramos, Secretary

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Pandora Paschal, Attest