

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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JULY 12, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise
Secretary Charles Ramos
Member Mark Barroso
Member Amy Meek
Director Pandora paschal
Deputy Director Steve Simos
Election Specialist Chance Mashburn
MIS Technical Support Sarah Gitt

Secretary Ramos 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 there was a quorum with four board members present. Member Frank Dunphy II was attending training in Colorado through the Election Center to become CERA certified (Certified Elections Registration Administrator).

Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Member Meek made the motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

Approve Minutes

There were no changes to the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Mark Barroso made the motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022 as written. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

New Business

Approve Absentee Ballots

Chair Heise stated that the board would approve absentee ballot applications and returned ballots for the July 26, 2022, Cary Runoff Election.

The board approved four early voting applications. Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve, and Member Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

Deputy Director Simos stated there were 91 Civilian absentee ballots mailed, 1 Military, and 2 Overseas ballots were emailed. There were 28 Civilian ballots for approval for this meeting. The board verified that the returned ballots had all required signatures before approving for counting. Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve the 28 civilian ballots. Member Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0. Before the board fed the ballots into the tabulator, they verified the zero tape and that there were no ballots in the ballot box. The ending count on the machine after all ballots were fed into the machine was 28.

Other Election Matters

Chair Heise asked about the law changes pertaining to disabled voters requesting and voting an absentee ballot. Director Paschal stated that effective immediately a disabled absentee ballot voter may receive assistance from any person they choose. They may still request and use a MAT team, but they are not required to do so. They may receive assistance from the staff of the hospital, clinic, nursing home, or rest home where they are a patient or resident. They may also receive assistance from an elected official, political party officeholder, or candidate.

The following individuals are still prohibited from assisting absentee voters who are not disabled with their absentee request, completing their ballot, or returning their ballot, if that voter is a patient/resident of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home:

- Any owner, manager, director, or employee of the hospital, clinic, nursing home, or rest home
- An individual who holds any elective office
- An individual who holds any office in a State, congressional district, county, or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party

Director Paschal reminded the board of the NCSBE Summer Training on August 30-31, 2022. Registration confirmations will be sent soon.

Adjourn Meeting

Chair Heise asked if there was any further board business before adjourning. Member Barroso made the motion to adjourn, and Chair Heise seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Charles Ramos 7/25/22

Charles Ramos, Secretary

Pandora C Paschal 7/25/22

Pandora Paschal, Attest