CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE MEETING #1
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-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings
October 4, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, , Member Amy Meek, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, Election Assistant Donald Lyerly, GIS/ Machine Techs Austin Conklin and Sarah Gitt. [Absent: Member Mark Barroso and Member Frank Dunphy.]

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 and stated this was the first absentee meeting for the November 8, 2022 election. There was a quorum to conduct board business.

Approval of Agenda

Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve the agenda, and Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 3-0.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Chair Heise asked Deputy Director/Absentee Coordinator Steve Simos to explain the absentee ballot process before the board approves the ballots that were returned (for explanation see the taped meeting at this link: at https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings) .

He stated 2,555 ballots were mailed out – 2,472 civilian, 1 military, and 13 overseas. For this meeting, there was a total of 392 completed ballots for board approval: 378 civilian, 1 military, and 13 overseas.

Before approving the ballots, the board verified that the machine produced a zero tape before any ballots were inserted. They also verified the ballot box was empty.

The board looked at the envelopes of the returned ballots to ensure they had all required signatures and initialed them for confirmation. The board checked the CIV numbers against the list of voters to ensure none were missing. Following completion of these tasks, Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve

378 civilian ballots for counting. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0. The board directed the staff to open the ballots to insert into the tabulator.

In addition, 5 ballots were disallowed due to missing voter signatures on the ballot containers. The voters were contacted and sent a cure letter. Secretary Charles Ramos made the motion to disallow 5 absentee ballots for missing voter signatures. Member Amy Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0.

Member Meek made the motion to approve 1 military ballot. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0.

Member Meek made the motion to approve 13 overseas ballots. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0.
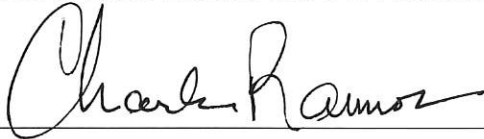
The final vote count on the Absentee by Mail Verity Scan was 392 for this meeting.
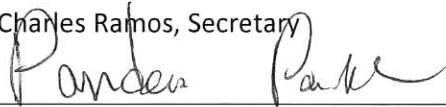
Logic and Accuracy Testing on Voting Equipment

The board completed Logic and Accuracy testing on a percentage of voting equipment to ensure proper coding of ballots and tabulation of votes for every contest. The tests check the voting system's ability to read each ballot style and the accuracy of the tabulator when counting votes. The Verity Scan for the following precincts were tested: East Williams, West Siler City, East Siler City, and North Williams. The Verity Print for Absentee by Mail was tested, and the Verity Touch Writer was tested for the Albright precinct. All machines were tested successfully. The board verified the results against the reports after the totals were uploaded to the Verity Count.

Adjourn Meeting

Member Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Charles Ramos, Secretary

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Pandora Paschal, Attest