

# CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office  
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September 20, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Frank Dunphy II, Member Amy Meek, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, and Election Specialist Chance Mashburn. [Absent: Member Mark Barroso.]

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. There was a quorum to conduct board business.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Member Meek made the motion to approve the agenda, and Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Member Meek abstained because she did not attend that meeting.

Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve the September 9, 2022 meeting minutes as amended to add the Paul Braxton Gym early voting site. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

### **Public Input**

There were no public input comments.

### **Old Business**

Chair Heise asked the board to revisit the idea of using Facebook as an informational tool to get information out to the public pertaining to voting dates and times and other information that may be relevant to the voter. There would be no ads, or comments involved. The Chatham County webmaster would monitor the page. After much discussion the matter was tabled (for full discussion see the video

at this link <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>).

### **New Business**

The Board adopted a resolution to begin counting absentee ballots at 2:00 p.m. on November 8, 2022. Chair Heise made the motion to adopt the resolution. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Election Specialist Chance Mashburn gave an update on early voting election officials. The CCCC Health Science and the Chatham County Agricultural & Conference Center sites were fully staffed. The Paul Braxton Gym site had one opening on October 31, 2022. The Goldston Town Hall site has six openings to be filled. There are challenges filling the vacancies at the New Hope Baptist Church site. He will continue to reach out to other election officials at that site to assist with recruiting other people (for full discussion see the video at this link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings> ).

Deputy Director Steve Simos gave the board a report on absentee by mail ballots. He stated 1,851 ballots were sent to voters, i.e., 1,794 civilian, 9 military, and 48 overseas. 57 ballots have been returned, 52 civilian, and 5 overseas. He contacted the assisted living facilities in Chatham County to let them know the availability of MAT Teams (Multi-Partisan Assistant Teams). The MAT teams have visited Pittsboro Christian Village, Carolina Meadows, Genesis, and Cambridge Hills.

### **Closed Session**

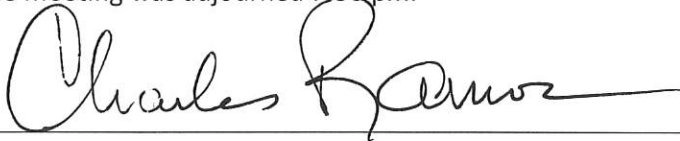
Chair Heise made a motion to go into closed session to discuss public safety plans for the board and voting locations in Chatham County based on General Statutes 143-318-11 (a)(1) and General Statutes 143-318-.11(9) and to discuss preventing the disclosure of privileged or confidential information pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes 132-1.7 (a) (a2) (b). Member Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Chair Heise made the motion to come out of closed session. Member Meek seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0

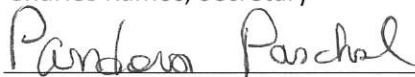
### **Adjourn**

Secretary Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned 7:30 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest