

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ABSENTEE MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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October 25, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, , Member Frank Dunphy, Member Amy Meek, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, and Election Assistant Donald Lyerly. [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 and stated this was the fourth absentee meeting for the November 8, 2022 election. There was a quorum to conduct board business.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

The board approved the minutes for the October 18, 2022 Absentee/Regular Meeting.

Secretary Ramos made a motion to approve the Absentee Meeting minutes. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 3-0 (Heise, Ramos, and Dunphy). Member Meek did not attend the absentee portion of the meeting so she abstained from voting on the minutes.

Secretary Ramos made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Ramos, Heise, Dunphy, and Meek).

Approval of One Stop Applications

Before starting the approval process, Election Assistant Lyerly commended the county election officials for the outstanding job they are doing. He read a very nice comment on the Chatham Chatlist about a voter's experience at the CCCC Health Science Building. She said the staff was "efficient, impeccable, kind, aware and welcoming. They made me feel humble and proud all at the same time..." For all comments, see the taped meeting at this link:

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

Deputy Director Simos asked the board to verify the count on the Verity Scanner to ensure it was the same as the ending count at the last absentee meeting. The beginning count on the scanner for this meeting was **1,033**.

Chair Heise stated that the board would be approving One Stop applications for October 20-24, 2022. She explained the board would scan through the applications to ensure the voters signed the application and the election official initialed the application. For all comments, see the taped meeting at this link: [at https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings](https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings).

Member Meek made the motion to approve the One Stop applications for October 20-24, 2022. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Heise, Ramos, Meek, and Dunphy).

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director/Absentee Coordinator Simos stated 3,576 cumulative ballots were mailed out. For this meeting, there were a total of **522** completed ballots for board approval: **510** civilian, **1** military, and **11** overseas.

In the previous meeting on October 18, 2022, a wife had put her ballot into her husband's envelope. This matter is still pending.

There was one cure letter returned for this meeting where the signature of the voter was missing.

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 (civilian) numbers against the list of voters to ensure none were missing. Following completion of these tasks, Member Meek made the motion to approve **510** civilian ballots for counting. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Heise, Ramos, Meek, and Dunphy). The board directed the staff to open the ballots to insert into the tabulator.

In addition, 1 ballot was not approved because it had the incorrect signature on the ballot container. The voter was contacted, and the voter stated they would vote in person. Member Meek made the motion to not approve the ballot. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Heise, Ramos, Meek, and Dunphy).


Deputy Director Simos presented the board with one (1) military ballot and eleven (11) overseas ballots to be duplicated. Member Dunphy made the motion to approve **1** military ballot. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Heise, Ramos, Meek, and Dunphy). Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve **11** overseas ballots, and Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0 (Heise, Ramos, Meek, and Dunphy).

After the ballots were duplicated the board assisted the staff with opening the ballots and inserting them into the Verity scanner.

The final vote count on the Absentee by Mail Verity Scan after all ballots were inserted was **1,555** for this meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

Member Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

 11/15/22

Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest