

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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November 15, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise, Secretary Charles Ramos, Member Frank Dunphy, Member Amy Meek, Member Mark Barroso, Director Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, and Election Assistant Donald Lyerly.

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 a quorum was present to conduct board business. Member Meek will arrive shortly.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Heise stated the first order of business was to approve the agenda. Member Barroso proposed two additions to the agenda, updates on the security system and on splitting the Manns Chapel Precinct. Secretary Ramos made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0).

Public Input

There was no public input.

Overview of November 8, 2022, General Election

Chair Heise stated this section of the agenda was to discuss what went right, what went wrong, and ways to improve the election process for future elections.

Member Dunphy made comments and presented some solutions about an absentee ballot being in a pending status because a married couple placed their ballots in the incorrect envelope. Deputy Director Simos explained the process as to why the ballot was put in a pending status (for full discussion see recorded meeting at this link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>).

The board praised the staff for conducting a great election.

Member Barroso wanted to revisit splitting Mann’s Chapel Precinct at a future meeting. He would like to have feedback from the voters that live in that precinct. The board decided this will be discussed at the January 17, 2023 meeting. The security system topic was also deferred to another meeting.

Closed Session

Chair Heise made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11. (a) (6) Personnel matters. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0) Chair Heise stated there would be no further board business after the board come out of closed session.

Member Barroso made a motion to come out of closed session. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0).

Adjourn

Member Meek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest