

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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November 7, 2022 – 5:00 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 this was the absentee meeting before Election Day on November 8, 2022 election. There was a quorum to conduct board business.

Approval of Agenda

Member Meek made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Ramos made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022, minutes. Member Meek seconded the motion. 4 were in favor. Member Barroso abstained from voting. He was absent from this meeting (Vote 4-1). Member Meek made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor (vote 5-0).

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director/Absentee Coordinator Simos stated there were 544 ballots for approval for this meeting: 515 civilian, 3 military, and 26 overseas. There was one cure letter returned for this meeting where the signature of the voter was missing.

Deputy Director Simos asked the board to verify the count on the Verity Scanner to ensure the count was the same as it was at the end of the last absentee meeting before any ballots were inserted. The beginning count on the scanner for this meeting was 2,142.

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.

Member Meek made the motion to approve 515 civilian ballots for counting. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0. The board and the staff opened the ballots to insert into the tabulator.

In addition, 2 ballots were not approved because of missing witness information. Both ballots were spoiled. The voters were contacted, and they were mailed new ballots.

Member Barroso made the motion to not approve the ballots with the missing witness information. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Deputy Director Simos presented the board with three military ballots and twenty-six overseas ballots to be duplicated. Secretary Ramos made the motion to approve three military ballots. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Member Barroso made the motion to approve 26 overseas ballots. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

After the ballots were duplicated, the staff inserted them into the Verity scanner.

The final vote count on the Absentee by Mail Verity Scan after all ballots were inserted was **2,686** for this meeting.

Approval of One Stop Applications

Chair Heise stated that the board would be approving One Stop applications for November 1, 2022, November 2, 2022, November 3, 2022, November 4, 2022, and November 5, 2022.

Member Meek made the motion to approve the One Stop applications for November 1, 2022, November 2, 2022, November 3, 2022, November 4, 2022, and November 5, 2022. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Certificates of Executed Absentee Ballots

The board signed the certificate of Executed Absentee Ballots for civilians, military, and overseas voters for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Approve Election Day Election Officials

Election Specialist Mashburn presented the board with three names for replacement Judges to work on Election Day at East Siler City Precinct, Crossroads Precinct, and Mann's Chapel Precinct.

Democratic Judge for the Mann's Chapel precinct Tom Lauer, Republican Judge Telie White for the East Siler City Precinct, and Republican Judge Judy Councilman for the Crossroads Precinct. They will serve for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Member Meek made a motion to approve the aforesaid Judges to replace the appointed Judges in the precincts listed. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Member Barroso made the motion to approve Leigh Mathews (DEM) as an assistant in the Mann's Chapel Precinct, and Mike Burke (UNA) as an assistant in the North Williams Precinct to serve for this election. Secretary Ramos seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Adjourn Meeting

Member Meek made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Heise seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5-0 . The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Charles Ramos, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest