

## CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ABSENTEE/BUSINESS MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office  
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September 12, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

Chair Laura Heise, Member Mark Barroso, Member Bob Tyson, Member Erika Lindemann, Director of Elections Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos (Remotely), Election Specialist Chance Mashburn, Election Voting Equipment Technician, Marvin Caracol, Sarah Gitt, and Savannah Thomason. Member Frank Dunphy was not present at this meeting.

#### **Moment of Silence and Pledge**

Chair Heise led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Heise stated that a quorum was present for the board to conduct business, and she stated the purpose for the meeting.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Heise asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda. Member Lindemann made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Tyson seconded it, and all were in favor. Vote 4-0.

Chair Heise acknowledged the two new staff members that were recently hired. Christina Williams was hired as Election Specialist I and Marvin Caracol was hired as the Elections Voting Equipment Technician. She welcomed them and let them know that the board and the staff look forward to working with them in elections to come.

#### **Absentee Ballot Report**

Director Paschal reported that a total of 23 absentee ballots were sent out beginning on September 8, 2023. There were 17 Civilian mailed, 1 Military mailed, 1 Military emailed, 4 Overseas emailed. There were no ballots returned for counting.

#### **Approve Absentee Ballots**

There were no absentee ballots for this meeting. The polls were opened on the Verity Scanner. The board members verified the zero tape, and inspected the ballot box to ensure there were no ballots in it. The beginning count on the ballot counter on the Verity Scanner at the next absentee meeting should be zero.

Chair Heise asked Director Paschal to give residents an update on voter ID and what is required for absentee by mail voting and in person voting.

### **Testing Voting Equipment**

Voting Machine Technicians, Sarah Gitt, Savannah Thomason, Board of Elections new hire Marvin Caracol, and members of the board of elections tested the Verity Scan, the Verity print, and the Verity Touch Writer (ADA compliant machine) for the upcoming October 10, 2023, Cary Municipal Election. For each election Logic and Accuracy tests are done to ensure machines will correctly read each ballot type and accurately count the votes.

Member Tyson made the motion to approve and accept the Logic and Accuracy results for the October 10, 2023, election. Member Lindemann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

For more information about Logic and Accuracy testing click this link: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/election-security/preparing-accurate-elections>

Also see the livestream video at this link:

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

### **Adjournment**

Member Tyson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Barroso seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Laura Heise Sept 19 2023

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Secretary, Frank Dunphy – signed by Chair Laura Heise – in secretary's absence

Pandora Paschal

Pandora Paschal, Attest