

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ABSENTEE MEETING/BUSINESS MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office
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October 24, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise (Remotely), Member Frank Dunphy, Member Mark Barroso, Member Bob Tyson, Member Erika Lindemann, Director of Elections Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Elections Voting Equipment Technicians Marvin Caracol, Sarah Gitt, and Savannah Thomson.

Moment of Silence and Pledge

Member Bob Tyson led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Call to Order

Chair Heise called the meeting to order stating that this is the Absentee meeting and other board business will be conducted. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Heise asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Lindemann made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

Absentee Mail Ballots

Deputy Director Simos gave the spreadsheet report of the sorting of mailed absentee ballots to the board as requested in the October 9, 2023, meeting. He reported there were no absentee ballots returned for this meeting. He gave a breakdown of sorting. A total of 74 absentee ballots were mailed or emailed as of 10/24/2023: Ballots mailed, 54 (Mailed 53 civilian, 1 military), Ballots emailed, 20 (14 overseas, and 6 military ballots).

Member Barroso suggested making additional rows or columns to the spreadsheet for each type of absentee ballot (Civilian, Military and Overseas). Member Barroso made the motion to update the excel spreadsheet with his suggestions. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor except for member Lindemann. Vote 4-1. Member Lindemann voted present.

The bi-partisan team (Member Lindemann (DEM) Member Dunphy (REP)) spot check report was given by Member Lindemann. She stated that there were no absentee mail ballots returned to spot check. She

and Member Dunphy reviewed the One stop applications for this meeting to determine if required signatures were written. Member Lindemann made a motion to approve the early voting applications for October 19, 2023, October 20, and October 23, 2023. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

Test Voting Equipment

Before every election, county boards of elections conduct logic and accuracy tests (L+A) on every voting machine that will be used in the election to ensure proper coding of ballots and counting of votes for every contest on the ballot. The board is required by law to test 10% of voting equipment at a public meeting. Voting Equipment Technician Sarah Gitt stated that at today's L+A test they will be testing four Verity devices out of a total of 48 machines. The Verity Print for East Siler City precinct, Touch Writer (ADA compliant) for West Siler City, two Verity Scans, one for Pittsboro precinct, and one for Goldston precinct. The four verity devices passed L+A testing. To view this process via live stream, click this link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-and-services/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>

Adjourn

The board adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm. Member Barroso made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bob Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0. Chair Heise was not present to vote. She left the meeting early.

Frank Dunphy 11/06/2023

Frank Dunphy II, Secretary

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