

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Provisional/Supplemental Absentee Meeting

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November 16, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Chair Laura Heise, Member Frank Dunphy, Member Bob Tyson, Member Erika Lindemann, Director of Elections Pandora Paschal, Deputy Director Steve Simos, Elections Specialist Chance Mashburn and Elections Voting Equipment Technician Marvin Caracol, and GISP Sarah Gitt. Member Mark Barroso was tardy.

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 a quorum was present to conduct the meeting, and the first order of business is to approve the agenda. The purpose of this meeting is to approve supplemental absentee ballots and to consider any provisional ballots that were cast for this election.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Heise asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Tyson made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Lindemann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0. Member Barros was not present for the vote.

Approve Supplemental Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Simos asked the board to verify the zero tape on the absentee supplemental verity scan voting machine. The board verified the tape by signing it. Deputy Director Simos stated that a bi-partisan team (Chair Heise Democratic and Bob Tyson Republican) of board members spot checked the ballots prior to the meeting to ensure all photo ID's, post marks and required signatures were on the return envelope container. There were 9 civilian supplemental ballots returned for approval. There were 15 pending approvals, which included voter ID exception forms. There was a total of 14 civilian supplemental absentee ballots to be approved. Member Lindemann made the motion to approve the 14. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were not in favor. Vote 3-1 (3 to approve, 1 not to approve). . Member Dunphy objected to the process of approval and consequently voted not to

approve. He reminded everyone that; as required in State Board of Election Numbered Memo 2020-25, updated September 18, 2023; the absentee ballot "Spot Check" should be board member driven, board member reported, and a formalized process included as an action item in the Mail-in Absentee section of the agenda. There was one ballot returned that was not approved because it was not post marked timely. Member Tyson made the motion not to approve the civilian ballot because it was not received timely. Member Lindemann seconded the motion. All were in favor. 4-0.

There was 1 military supplemental ballot returned. Member Lindemann made the motion to approve the 1 returned military ballot. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 4-0.

The beginning count on the machine was 0, and the ending count was 15. The board completed the tally sheets from the tape with the results. Chair Heise entered the totals on the civilian Supplemental Abstract, which was signed by all members.

Provisional Ballot Disposition

Election Specialist Mashburn presented the board with the 14 provisional ballots that were cast during the election. Staff recommended 4 ballots for approval and 10 ballots not to be approved. Member Tyson made a motion to accept the 4 provisional ballots for counting, and Member Lindeman seconded the motion. Member Barroso arrived (Vote 5-0). There was 1 provisional ballot in the not approved category that was contested by a citizen attending via live stream. After further research by the staff it was recommended that the ballot should be approved. Member Tyson made the motion to approve the 1 contested Provisional ballot. Member Lindemann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0. Consequently, the contested ballot was moved from the not approved category into the approved category, the final tally after this adjustment was 5 approved and 9 not approved.

The board verified the beginning and ending count on the Verity Scan for provisional ballots. The beginning count was 0, and ending count was 5.

Upload Results

A bi-partisan team of board members uploaded the vote totals from the civilian supplemental absentee ballot machine and the Provisional ballot machine to the Verity Count machine. The results were uploaded to the North Carolina State Board of Elections election night reporting system. The official results will be finalized at Canvass on November 17, 2023, at 11:00 am.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.


12/12/2023

Frank Dunphy, Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest