

# CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CANVASS

Chatham County Board of Elections Office  
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## GoToMeeting

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November 17, 2023 – 11:00 A.M.

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Chair Laura Heise, Member Frank Dunphy, Member Mark Barroso, 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.

### **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 Canvass of the Municipal Elections held on November 7, 2023. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Heise asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Chair Heise asked to add review incident reports and review audit sheets to the first item under new business, and add lessons learned as the third item on the agenda. Member Lindemann made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes made by Chair Heise. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

### **Incident Reports**

Chair Heise asked to see the incidents reports for this election. There were three incidents' reports for this election. For full discussion see live streamed video at this link:

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### **Sign Canvass Abstracts**

The board signed abstracts with the official results for the November 7, 2023, Municipal Elections. Copies will be sent to the North Carolina State board of Elections, the Clerk of Court, and the Town of Cary, Town of Pittsboro, Town of Siler City, Town of Goldston, and the Goldston Gulf Sanitary District.

**Lessons Learned**

Member Tyson stated that he visited both polling places in Siler City on Election Day. Voters complained that they were not properly notified of where their polling place was located. Member Barroso reminded the new board members that in the past the board discussed and rejected the use of using social media to get information to voters. He stated that the way citizens receive information has changed, and not many people subscribe to receive the legacy newspaper, but rather they receive communications via social media platforms. He suggested the board revisit using social media to disseminate information pertaining to elections held in Chatham County.

Member Dunphy stated that the Chief Judge at the New Hope precinct suggested that the Board of Elections should explore moving the boundary so the small number of Town of Cary voters that vote in the New Hope precinct would be moved to the East Williams precinct. Director Paschal suggested transferring the New Hope precinct voters on Election Day to the East Williams precinct. The board will revisit this matter for the 2025 Cary Municipal Elections. For full discussion see the live streamed meeting at this link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>

Elections Specialist II Chance Mashburn and Voting Equipment Technician Marvin Caracol informed the board that for the March 2024, Primary Elections; training of election officials will have the option to comply with their training virtually or in person. Virtual training will have the advantage of decreasing our limited staff's burden for conducting a multitude of in-person training sessions, standardize training content, , and add convenience for trainees to access training content. For full discussion see the live streamed meeting at this link: <https://www.chathamcountync.gov/government/departments-programs-a-h/elections/board-of-elections-members-meetings>

**Finalize Results**

Director Paschal explained that all votes had been tallied and the official results were finalized after the supplemental/provisional meeting. There were no protests or challenges for this election. Voter history was finalized. The total ballots cast = (2487), and the total voter history = (2487), were the same. Member Tyson made the motion to accept the official results for the November 7, 2023, Municipal Elections. Member Barroso seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

**Adjourn**

Member Lindemann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

*Frank Dunphy* 12/12/2023

Frank Dunphy, Secretary

*Pandora Paschal*

Pandora Paschal, Attest