

# CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## SPECIAL MEETING

Chatham County Board of Elections Office  
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December 18, 2023 – 11:00 A.M.

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

Chair Laura Heise, Member Frank Dunphy, Member Mark Barroso (Via telephone), 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 a quorum was present and Member Barroso was on the phone to conduct the meeting, and the first order of business is to approve the agenda.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda of this special meeting was to update the Early Voting Plan caused by the unexpected withdrawal of the “Exquisite Experience” Venue as one of Chatham’s early voting sites for the March 5, 2024, primary election. Member Lindemann asked to add an item as number 2 under old business to reconsider the board’s November vote on the two early voting plans that were presented, so the board would have the opportunity to have a unanimous decision for option 2, which included one Sunday of early voting on the second Sunday during the early voting interval. She invited the board to discuss this because of losing one of the early voting sites. Chair Heise asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Tyson made the motion to approve as amended. Member Dunphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0.

#### **Vote to Amend Early Voting Plan for 2024 Primary**

Chair Heise asked Director Paschal to give the board an update on what caused the board to revisit amending the early voting plan. Director Paschal stated that the “Exquisite Experience” Venue, the early voting site in Northeast Chatham located in the Governors Village shopping center was no longer available for the board of elections use for the March 5, 2024, Primary election. Chair Heise

stated the purpose of today's meeting is to formally remove "Exquisite Experience" Venue from the early voting schedule and to consider Member Lindemann's suggestion to add in one day of Sunday voting to help alleviate pressure from the CCCC Health Science site. Member Lindemann made the first motion to remove the "Exquisite Experience" Venue from the Chatham County early voting plan for the March 5, 2024, Primary. Member Tyson Seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0. There will be 5 early voting sites in Chatham County for the March 5, 2024, Primary Election. Member Lindemann made a second motion for the board to reconsider their November vote to obtain a unanimous vote for the option 2 plan that included one Sunday of early voting. If approved, Chair Heise and Member Tyson would not need to appear before the North Carolina State Board of Elections to justify the majority plan and the minority plan for the Sunday voting decision to be made by the state Board of Election. Chair Heise seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0. (For full discussion see live streamed meeting at this link:

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### **Adjourn Meeting**

Member Dunphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Lindemann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.



Frank Dunphy, II Secretary



Pandora Paschal, Attest

