

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Stuart Russell
Secretary

Fleming El-Amin
Member



Steve Hines
Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Absentee Meeting October 14, 2014

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Meeting Called to Order

An Absentee meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on October 14, 2014. The meeting convened at 5:00 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell,
Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director-Steve Hines, Lamar Joyner Chris Duffey
Jacob Wright

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have three minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

Denise D. Adams - 3661 Marlowe Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to close the public comment session. **Motion carried unanimously.** In response to public comments, the Board spoke about the issue of the WS/FCS proposal to move precinct 205-Paisley School to Cook Elementary School due to student safety concerns. There has not been any decisions made as of yet and the Board will look to take up the issue in early 2015.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members review the minutes of September 17, and September 24, 2014. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of September 17, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.** Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of September 24, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Registration Deadline Dispute

Mr. Hines informed the Board that there were some faxed voter registrations that were late (after 5pm, Friday, October 10, 2014). The issue was that the time stamp on our receiving fax machine was different than that of the submission fax machine. Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to not accept late registrations in accordance to NCGS 163-82.6(c). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Registration Update

Voter registration applications (new and changes)
3,760 to be entered
3,207 to be reviewed.

Challenge Update

Mr. Hines contacted the challenger and asked her to rescind the Notices of Challenge. This action would allow the registrations of the voters that were registered with another BOE could be removed. Mr. Hines stated that the registration information is on his desk and the voters will be removed timely.

Approval of Absentee Ballots Returned

Mr. Duffey recommended 468 absentee ballots for approval and 36 absentee ballots for disapproval because of missing information. The voters of the disapproved absentee ballots had been mailed a second ballot and letter of explanation. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation of 468 absentee ballots for approval and 36 absentee ballots for disapproval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Duties

An updated copy of the duties were submitted with a modification to Duty #3 by adding wording to cover communicating to the Board of any action taken related to personnel issues. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to accept the Directors duties with this modification. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EVID Contract Update

We received the pricing for the equipment/services that was comparable with other BOE's.

Other Business

Member El-Amin thanked Mr. Hines for attending the District Court update regarding North Carolina's new voting law (same-day registration and out-of-precinct voting).

Adjournment

Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously** and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Attachments on File: Director Duties