

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Ken Raymond**  
Chairman

**Stuart Russell**  
Secretary

**Fleming El-Amin**  
Member



**Tim Tsujii**  
Director

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

### **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Meeting Minutes – Election Day June 07, 2016 – 2 p.m.**

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**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2016 – 2 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A statutory meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on June 7, 2016. The meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner, Chris Duffey, Monica Gary, and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: Assistant County Attorney – Lonnie Albright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have two 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:

David Ajamy (Democracy Now) – 1002 Polo Rd., Winston Salem, NC 27105  
Zachary Bynum (Democracy Now) – 1002 Polo Rd., Winston Salem, NC 27105

Chairman Raymond motioned to close public comment session, Secretary Russell seconded;  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond addressed speaker comments regarding access for students; stating that the Board considers all students in Forsyth County endeavoring to make access equal, easy, and fair. Member El-Amin advocated for sites around Winston Salem State University.

**Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Director Tsujii stated that there were no more new numbers for absentee ballots and that the

certified lists had been forwarded to the State Board of Elections.

### **Review of Remarked Ballot**

Director Tsujii advised the Board that there were no additional remarked ballots to review.

### **Counting of Absentee and One-Stop Ballots**

Mr. Tsujii provided the Board with the total for Absentee ballots and One-Stop Early Voting; 1,111 ballots cast. Mr. Tsujii stated that the Absentee ballots had gone through pre-processing and had been loaded on a zip disk for tabulation; noting that the results would be available later in the evening.

### **Discussion of One-Stop for General Election**

Chairman Raymond reopened for discussion sites from the May 06, 2016 meeting that may be problematic: Winston Salem Lake YMCA, South Fork, Industries of the Blind and Tobacoville Community Center deferring to Deputy Director Joyner for further discussion. Member El-Amin noted that Industries of the Blind was willing to accommodate changes to enable use of the facility. Mr. Joyner requested that Director Tsujii and the Board visit the site to make a determination. Secretary Russell inquired about Brown-Douglas as an alternate site to Industries of the Blind if it would not be feasible for use. Deputy Director Joyner stated that he would contact Industries of the Blind to set up a site visits; advised the Board that many counties are represented at the site. Director Tsujii inquired if the site was a non-profit; Mr. Joyner confirmed its non-profit status.

The Board and Mr. Joyner discussed Winston Salem Lake YMCA and the possible interruptions would not enable its use. Mr. Joyner encouraged the Board to reach out to the site. Member El-Amin inquired about St. Paul's Methodist Church; Mr. Joyner stated that he had contacted the site and that Dr. Jenkins was aware of the Board's interest in using their location. Chairman Raymond inquired about the Tobacoville Community Center; Mr. Joyner conveyed the issues with the site, confirming that staffing would be an issue; however, would be in contact with Dan Quarter and would forward information to the Board. Secretary Russell inquired of any other sites around Tobacoville Community Center.

Chairman Raymond opened South Fork Recreation for discussion; stating he hoped that a resolution could be found due to its importance geographically. The Board noted that they would like Kim Young to expand upon information provided in her letter. Secretary Russell noted that in times past site worked well and it was important to advocate for voters as well as sites.

Chairman Raymond requested staff invite those over the four sites to discuss using their respective sites.

Member El-Amin inquired about time of Canvass; Director Tsujii and Deputy Director Joyner confirmed 10 a.m.

### **Other Business**

Director Tsujii reminded the Board of the statutorily required Hand/Eye audit, Secretary Russell inquired if all members had to attend; Director Tsujii stated that it was not required but that the

Board could delegate the task to the staff; recalling that the Board had previously desired to attend. Member El-Amin stated he would attend.

Chairman Raymond motioned to recess meeting until 7 p.m. Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting recessed at 2:34 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:35 p.m. to review ballot and tabulation report.

Director Tsujii presented the Board with a photo-copied Absentee ballot that required remarking. Secretary Russell inquired if ballot could be voted again, Deputy Director Joyner stated it could not be voted multiple times. Secretary Russell inquired about the application number recorded at the top of the ballot; Director Tsujii stated that staff recorded the information on the ballot.

Director Tsujii reminded the Board of the resolution for Absentee and One-Stop to be preprocessed at 2 p.m. however, results would not be available until after polls closed. Director Tsujii presented the Board with the cumulative results for signature on the last page.

Chairman Raymond on prior motion took the Board back into recess at 2:55 p.m. to reconvene at 7 p.m.

Chairman Raymond reconvened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Director Tsujii provided the Board with a revised site list and maps to review. The Board discussed additional sites to be considered in lieu of those earlier in meeting; Polo Park, Miller Park, as well as Hanes Park to be added to the map for further review.

Director Tsujii confirmed that St. Paul's Methodist Church had been contacted; noting they have a small room available, but would be inquiring about a larger room for use.

Chairman Raymond tabled site conversations until sites requiring additional information was received; however, in the interim requested additional composites be made.

Secretary Russell motioned for a short recess, Chairman Raymond seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting into recess at 7:30 p.m., to reconvene at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Raymond reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Chairman Raymond motioned to recess at 9:35 p.m.; Secretary Russell seconded motion; Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Raymond reconvened meeting at 10:40 p.m. Director Tsujii presented the Board with the Absentee Abstract for signature and notarization, as well as the election night results.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Raymond moved to adjourn meeting at 10:45 p.m., Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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Approved:

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Ken Raymond, Chair

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Stuart Russell, Secretary

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Fleming El-Amin, Member

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