



## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Video Conference Absentee Board Meeting Agenda**

**October 29, 2020– 5 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments

If you wish to speak, please click on this link <https://meet.google.com/dim-vuhq-bne> at 4:45 pm on the day of the meeting and inform the Board Clerk. You will be recognized to speak during the public comment period in the order you have joined the meeting. The Chairperson will also ask for any additional speakers before the meeting is called to order.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Pre-processing of Absentee Ballots
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 29, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order on October 29, 2020 at 5:07 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Kanitha Davis-Englebert, Danielle Malone, Holly Mathis, Angela Jones, Adrienne Bohlen, Carlton Morgan, Clint Mooney, Molly Southern, Carma Buchanan, Sherry Glen, and Adam Clark

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairperson Campbell called for a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments, providing two minutes for each speaker: No public comments.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Secretary Durrah moved to table the approval of the October 27th, 2020 meeting minutes; seconded by Member Loughridge; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Ms. Gary presented 1,627 civilian ballots, 14 military ballots and 39 overseas ballots equaling 1,680 ballots. She reported 76 disapproved ballots; 12 were sent cure certification letters, 45 were re-issued, 45 spoiled ballots were resent to the voter and, one voter decided to vote during the One-Stop Early Voting period. Three cure certification letters were returned.

**Pre-processing of Absentee Ballots:**

Pre-processing of absentee ballots began at 5:15p.m.

The Director asked the Board Members to sign the zero report for both high-speed scanners. All Board Members signed the report.

Director Tsujii presented the Board a list of statewide At-Large Democratic and Republican observers for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Member Loughridge moved to approve the list; seconded by Secretary Durrah. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii reported that an absentee ballot was missing the signature of the witness and the witnesses' address information. This ballot was removed and counted as disapprove.

Ms. Gary reported the absentee by-mail numbers: 1,629 civilian ballots, 14 military ballots, 39 overseas ballots, equaling 1,682 ballots. There were 77 disapproved ballots and 35 ballots duplicated. Ten cure certification letters were returned. Member Loughridge moved to accept the final numbers; seconded by Member Russell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii reported that three One-Stop Early Voting locations had lost power from the morning's rainstorm. The Harper Hill Commons and Winston First Assembly sites lost power from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Mazie Woodruff location also lost power for the entire day but all sites managed to continue operations and serve voters coming in throughout the day. The Director explained that the tabulator ran out of battery power and poll workers were following the correct procedure by using the emergency bin to secure the ballots cast. After the polls were closed, the Board of Elections staff brought the tabulator back to Government Center where the Board meeting was being held in order to tabulate the ballots placed in the emergency bin in the presence of the Board Members. Director Tsujii mentioned that the Board of Elections staff would charge the tabulator overnight and return it to the Mazie Woodruff location in the morning before the polls were open. He also explained that if they were still without power the next day, a generator would be taken to the location. Mr. Morgan reported that the Mazie Woodruff early voting location had 121 authorizations to vote (ATVs) and 121 ballots placed in the emergency bin. All 121 ballots were scanned during the Board meeting resulting in matching numbers.

Director Tsujii also reported that on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Elections office was made aware that Precinct 303 - John Wesley AME Zion Church no longer wished to be a polling place for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Deputy Director Bobadilla was able to communicate with the pastor and address concerns about COVID-19 and the safety of the members of the church. The Board Members were asked to approve an increase of facility fee from \$30 to \$150.00 for the use of the church on Election Day. Member Russell approved the increase of facility fee; seconded by Secretary Durrah. **Motion carried unanimously.**

After finishing the absentee ballot pre-processing review, the Board Members began reviewing and tallying ballots with write in candidates.

### **Other Business**

Chairperson Campbell called for other business; none was presented

**Adjournment**

Member Russell moved to adjourn the Board meeting; seconded by Member Loughridge; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell

Chair

s/ Robert Durrah

Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell

Member

s/ John Loughridge

Member

s/Catherine Jourdan

Member