



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Hearing
Agenda
December 3, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Evidentiary Hearing of Elections Protest
3. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections evidentiary hearing of elections protest was called to order on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at **2:00** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy (by phone), Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper (by phone)

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Adam Clark

Others in attendance: Erica Glass, Forsyth County Attorney

Evidentiary Hearing of Elections Protest

Chairperson Durrah made the following statement. “A preliminary hearing was held on November 22, 2024 for an elections protest filed by Jefferson Griffin, candidate for the NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 6. At that hearing, the Forsyth County Board of Elections voted to advance the protest to an evidentiary hearing due to affirmative proof of probable cause. A notice of today’s hearing was sent to the protester, affected candidates or the legal representatives thereof, the county party chairs, and the affected voters via first-class mail and by email.”

Mr. Alton Absher, legal representative for Jefferson Griffin, was sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Absher notified the Board that challenges were filed on November 19, 2024 and that the documentation of affidavits and petitions were previously provided for the three voters being challenged.

Mr. Tim Tsujii, Director of Elections, was sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that voter #1 (Javarius Brown) was a possible duplicate voter on October 21, 2024 as provided by the State Board of Elections. There is also a voter registration application on file in Union County for a Javarius Brown. Copies of the two voter registration applications for Forsyth and Union counties provided.

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Mr. Tsujii presented that David L. Angel was listed on the State Board of Elections duplicate report on October 21, 2024. Staff inadvertently removed the voter, but the voter was added back into the active registration rolls. Guilford County was contacted and there are two different individuals with the same name.

Mr. Tsujii presented to the Board that Christopher Cecil Sheils voted early on October 17, 2024 and emailed the Board of Elections office on November 7, 2024 at 12:36 p.m. that he wanted to cancel his voter registration after the election had already taken place. On November 9, 2024 Mr. Sheils' voter status was removed for the next election.

Mr. Absher presented that based on his evidence that Javarius Brown was the same person in Forsyth and Union counties.

Chairperson Durrah stated that he would entertain a motion. Member Draper moved that the protest be sustained regarding Javarius Brown and dismissed regarding David L. Angel and Christopher Cecil Sheils; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert L. Durrah, Jr.
Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan
Vice Chair

s:/Alfred Harvey
Member

s:/Adam Draper
Member