



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Video Conference Absentee Board Meeting Agenda

October 1, 2020 – 5 p.m.

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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. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020 – 5 p.m

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor Professional Development Center on October 1, 2020 at 5:03 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 Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Danielle Malone, Carlton Morgan, Adam Clark, Kanitha Englebert, Abigail Hackworth, Evan Milligan, Holly Mathis, Suzanne Dorsett and Ann Stomkin

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments. No comments.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Durrah moved to approve September 25th, 2020 meeting minutes with Member Russell commenting that the revised version of the State Board of Election's Numbered Memo 2020-19 was based on a lawsuit settlement that had not yet been approved by the court and was subject to future litigation. Secretary Durrah moved to approve the minutes; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Director Tsujii informed the Board of the issuance of Numbered Memo 2020-27 by the North Carolina State Board of Elections. The memo directs County Boards that receive absentee container-return envelopes with a missing witness signature shall take no action. The Board shall follow guidance as outlined in the Numbered Memo 20-19.

Approval of Absentee Ballots

Director Tsujii introduced Ms. Gary, who reported that last Tuesday's approved totals had to be adjusted due to the Board's disposition of several absentee ballots. The new totals are 9127 Civilian, 107 Military/Overseas ballots to be approved and 463 disapproved. Member Russell moved to approve the updated absentee totals from the September 29, 2020 absentee board meeting; seconded by Member Loughridge; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairperson Campbell explained the process of reviewing the returned absentee ballots. The Board of Elections staff preliminarily review the returned absentee envelopes to ensure the voter has signed the envelope and includes the witness's signature and information. If an envelope is missing any required information, it will be set aside for review and disposition by the Board. Upon the Board's review and approval of absentee envelopes, staff will proceed to open and scanned the approved absentee ballots. The results of the scanned ballots will be counted and reported on Election Day.

Reviewing of the absentee ballots commenced at 5:25 pm.

Ms. Gary submitted 1754 Civilian, 57 Military Overseas ballots for approval and 52 for disapproval to the Board for review and consideration. Due to Numbered Memo 2020-27, the Board withheld the review of the disapproved envelopes for consideration upon further notice from the State Board of Elections. Secretary Durrah moved to approve the staff recommendations; Member Jourdan seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented to the Board an approved absentee envelope that contained its ballot and another envelope with a ballot inside, which appeared to belong to the spouse of the approved voter's absentee ballot. The Board recommended to re-issue new ballots to both voters. Ms. Gary reported that the approval totals adjusted to 1753 Civilian, 57 Military/Overseas and 53 disapproved ballots. Member Russell moved to approve the updated totals; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board Members remained in the meeting room until all opened ballots were scanned through the tabulators. The Board Members signed the Zero Report from both high-speed tabulators.

Member Jourdan left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

Deputy Director Bobadilla recited the recessing process based on the directives stated in the North Carolina State Board of Elections Numbered Memo 2020-25. Secretary Durrah moved to recess; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member