

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – November 4, 2019 (Pre-Election Day)

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 5:00 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Larry Tucker, M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Harry Barrick, Director Michelle Chavis, and Deputy Director Colette Kneeland.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Director Michelle Chavis. The Director requested that the Board Members allow her to step out of the meeting while she generated the lists of executed absentee ballots that were returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on November 4, 2019. The Director presented the lists to the Board Members for review and for chairperson signature for certification.

New Business

Civilian Certificate of Oath

November 4, 2019

NCGS 163A-1308

Director Michelle Chavis reported that the State Board of Elections requires each precinct to post the list of all executed absentee ballots from one-stop and mail-in by 10:00 am on Election Day. Chairperson Sonravea Privette signed a Civilian Certificate of Oath, notarized by the Director Michelle Chavis to certify the list. The Chairperson noted that the low voter turnout for one-stop voting affirms the local tax savings realized by each municipality based on the board decision to use a single one-stop site for the 2019 Municipal Election.

The lists of all executed absentee ballots were delivered to the precincts as follows:

Bunn Precinct – Secretary Larry Tucker

Franklinton Precinct – Board Member M. Rose Gill

West Youngsville 1 and West Youngsville 2 Precincts – Board Member Harry Barrick

Louisburg City – Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland

Absentee Ballot Review

November 4, 2019

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Director Michelle Chavis gave the mail-in absentee ballot envelopes to the Board Members for review and explained the process of examining the envelopes for the mail-in absentee ballots. There were 8 mail-in absentee ballots returned that were to be reviewed at this meeting.

Director Michelle Chavis reported that one of the returned mail-in absentee ballots had to be spoiled due to incomplete voter and witness information. The Director read an email addressed to the State Board of Elections regarding the proper procedures for processing the mail-in absentee ballots with incomplete voter and witness information. The Director stated that the State Board of Elections instructed her to spoil the ballot and that a medical late ballot request be processed by a near relative. The voter's near relative requested a medical late absentee ballot that was processed in the Board of Elections office and the balloting material was hand delivered by the near relative to the voter and returned in person by the voters near relative on November 4, 2019 before 5:00 pm.

After the review of the returned mail-in and medical late absentee ballots a motion was made by Secretary Larry Tucker, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the 8 mail-in absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous.

Other Business

Multi-Partisan Assistance Team (MAT)

November 4, 2019

Chairperson Sonravea Privette inquired about the status of volunteers for MAT. Names were being gathered by the Democratic party, but they still need names from Republican party. Board Member Harry Barrick stated that they do not have any names at this time, and they are still working on finding people.

Hayesville Polling Site

November 4, 2019

Director Michelle Chavis informed the board of concerns regarding the voting enclosure used in the 2018 General Election at the Epsom Fire Station. The Director suggested that they work with the Epsom Fire Station administration to request the use of the conference room location used in prior years and the Board of Elections will revisit the process after the canvassing of the 2019 Municipal Election.

Secretary Larry Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Harry Barrick. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.



Secretary, Larry Tucker



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland