

## Minutes

### Franklin County Board of Elections

#### Board Meeting – July 14, 2020 (Virtual) Board Meeting

The Franklin County Board of Elections met virtually on this date at 5:00pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, and IT Director Coy Floyd, along with Dewey Botts and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Phi Zeta chapter Representatives Tonja A. Dause, Kentisha Dinham and Edith Henderson. Other unnamed callers were also in attendance.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette announced at 5:00 pm that we would wait for all the board members to join the virtual meeting before calling the meeting to order. Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and stated that the public comments would be heard first. After all public comments were received, the Chairperson thanked them for participating and explained that the Board would take their comments under consideration at their next board meeting. She then turned the meeting over to Director Michelle Chavis. The Director explained that they would follow the meeting agenda and discuss any additional items at the end.

#### Public Comments

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Chairperson Sonravea Privette asked the IT Director Coy Floyd to virtually admit each attending member of the public to speak for a maximum time period of 5 minutes. The following public comments were submitted:

Edith Henderson:

- Would like to extend weekend hours and multiple Saturdays and at least one Sunday due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Larger Voting Centers for social distancing; possibly use a church in Youngsville area.

Kentisha Dinham:

- Would like to see an increase in number of one-stop sites and weekend hours due to voters having no reliable transportation.
- Express need for COVID 19 preventative supplies to protect human lives.

Dewey Botts:

- Agrees with public comments for easy and secure voting.
- Bunn Library should never be used as a polling site again.
- Suggested using Bunn High School Gymnasium, Bunn Fire Station or Bunn Town Council office as an alternative one-stop site in the Bunn area.

Tonja A. Dause:

- Requested more One-Stop sites and weekend times in order to provide social distancing.
- Agreed with previous comments from her Sorority sisters.

#### New Business

Review Minutes from March 13, 2020 (Pre-Canvass Challenge Hearing) Meeting

July 14, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2020 (Pre-Canvass Challenge Hearing) Meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Secretary Harry Barrick, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from March 13, 2020 (Canvass) Meeting

July 14, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2020 (Canvass) Meeting. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from March 13, 2020 (Immediately after Canvass) Meeting

July 14, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2020 (Immediately after Canvass) Meeting. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion of One-Stop Sites

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The Director began the discussion by stating the desired goals are to provide safe and flexible voting options for all. She met with the Franklin County Library Director and Health Director to measure the voting area for social distancing at the three one-stop offsites, which are the public libraries. She stated that it was essential that all precinct officials, staff and the public are safe and able to vote, however, voters should expect longer lines. She concluded that the Bunn library will not accommodate social distancing. Franklinton and Youngsville Libraries can provide limited social distancing. The Board of Elections office is the largest one-stop site, however, being headquarters and a possible backup site, creates a risk should a COVID19 outbreak occur at another site. An in lieu of site for the office within 4 miles is being considered i.e. Louisburg Armory, however, there are some scheduling conflicts. The Director stated that they are still looking for places and have time to continue their search.

The Chairman responded that the Board will be looking for other sites with more space and will check with their party for more poll workers. Other sites suggested sites included the following: the Louisburg college auditorium or gymnasium, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Youngsville Armory, Faith Baptist Church, Louisburg High School and Shopping Center in Bunn. The Board will need to look at these sites or possibly have site visits next week in order to meet the 7/31/2020 deadline to submit the One-Stop plan to the State Board of Elections.

Poll workers on Election Day

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Director Michelle Chavis explained that Election Day Chief Judges and Party Judges and Assistants may have to work outside their voting precinct in order to staff all the precincts. Recent changes in election law due to COVID 19 make it mandatory that at least one Judge and one Assistant working at the polling site must reside within the precinct. The Director asked the Board to have any interested poll workers to contact our office. She explained that poll worker training will be conducted remotely with some hands-on training in small groups.

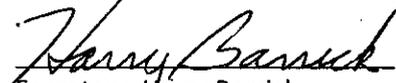
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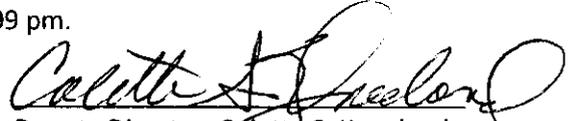
Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT)  
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Director Michelle Chavis explained that elderly and shut-in care facilities are not allowing visitors presently, but we must have a MAT in place with at least one registered Democrat and one registered Republican and/or one registered Unaffiliated team member in Franklin county. The Multi-partisan Assistance Team is required by the State Board for each County Board of Elections.

The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by M. Rose Gill, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

  
Secretary, Harry Barrick

  
Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland