

## Minutes

### Franklin County Board of Elections

#### Board Meeting – September 29, 2020

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 Harry Barrick (arrived later), M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette Kneeland, Democratic Party Chair Lucy Allen, Republican Party Chair Representative Ed Strickland, Observers: Dewy Botts, Kay Dean and Armenta Eaton.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Director Michelle Chavis. The Director first introduced herself, the Deputy Director and the Board Members and asked the other attendees to introduce themselves. After the introductions, the Director explained that they would follow the meeting agenda and discuss any additional business at the end.

#### New Business

Absentee Ballot Review

September 29, 2020

NCGS 163-230.1 and State Board of Elections Numbered Memos: 2020-25 – Absentee Meetings and 2020-19 (as Revised on 9/22/2020) – Absentee Container-Return Envelope Deficiencies

Director Michelle Chavis explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the mail-in absentee ballots received. She explained that the State Board of Elections provided memos for the Board to use in determining whether a ballot can be approved or if further research was required to resolve any deficiencies such as a missing voter and/or witness signature, missing witness name, and a missing and/or incomplete address. The research involves reaching out to the voter with an absentee cure certification to resolve the deficiency.

The Director first gave the Military and Overseas (UOCAVA) mail-in absentee ballots to the Board Members for review and duplication. She explained that UOCAVA ballots can be returned electronically and therefore must be duplicated in order to tabulate them into the DS200. Chairperson Sonravea Privette supervised the duplication process which consisted of 1 republican and 2 democrat members. One calling out the contests marked on the electronic ballot, one to mark the ballot for the DS200 and one to observe.

The Board reviewed the 7 military ballots and determined that 1 military ballot needs additional research due to being returned by email with a truncated ballot image. After the Board duplicated the remaining 6 Military ballots, a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Member Angela Pearce to approve the 6 military ballots. The vote was unanimous. The motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, to contact the voter to resolve the truncated ballot issue. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed and duplicated the 15 overseas ballots and a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Member Angela Pearce to approve the 15 overseas ballots. The vote was unanimous.

The Director provided a list of civilian absentee ballots to be reviewed by the board as directed by the State Board of Elections numbered memos 2020-25 and 2020-19 (as revised). She reported that 66 of the civilian ballots were sent letters to cure deficiencies on the ballot return envelope.

The Board Chairperson suggested that the Board split into 2 multi-partisan teams to review the civilian mail-in absentee ballots. After review of the remaining civilian mail-in absentee ballots, a motion was made by the Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to not approve

80 of the civilian mail-in absentee ballots and reach out to voter using a cure letter. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the remaining 1445 civilian absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from August 25, 2020 Board Meeting  
September 29, 2020  
NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Secretary Harry Barrick to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from September 8, 2020 Board Meeting  
September 29, 2020  
NCGS 163-31

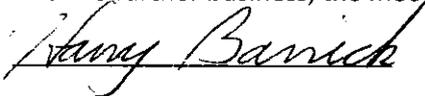
The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

**Other Business**

The Director reported that the Board needed to make a new resolution for the starting time for their Absentee Board Meeting as scheduled for 1:00 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020 to a time no earlier than 2:00 pm per statute. A motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to change to starting time for the November 3, 2020 Absentee Board Meeting to 2:00 pm.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland