

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – January 8, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 6:30 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Board Members M. Rose Gill and Barry Gupton, Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland and Bobbie Richardson and Ed Strickland.

The following Board Members were absent: Harry Barrick

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Director Michelle Chavis. The Director explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the ballot proofs for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election and discuss other business items as time permits. The Director explained that the Franklin County Republican and Democratic Chairpersons were invited to the meeting. Mr. Ed Strickland was asked to join the meeting at the invitation of the Franklin County Republican Party Board Chair, Mr. Danny Pearce. Ms. Bobbie Richardson was asked to join the meeting at the invitation of the Franklin County Democratic Party Board Chair, Lucy Allen. The Director suggested that they defer review of previous board meeting minutes to another meeting to allow time for the review of ballots and asked the Board if they had any other business items to discuss at the beginning of the meeting. Chairperson Sonravea Privette suggested that the board appoint a new Secretary due to the recent resignation of the former Board Secretary.

Other Business

Appointment of Secretary for the Board

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Chairperson Sonravea Privette stated that Board Secretary Larry Tucker recently resigned from the board effective December 31, 2019, which would require the board to appoint a new Secretary. She asked the Board Members to entertain a motion to nominate a Board Secretary from the Republican party to replace the previous Republican party Board Secretary Larry Tucker. The motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill to nominate Harry Barrick in his absence to be the Board Secretary, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

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Proof Ballots for 2020 Presidential Primary Election

Director Michelle Chavis presented the board with ballot proofs and explained the State Board of Elections ballot proofing process. The Director explained that the deadlines for proofing were very tight and must be met in order to meet elections deadlines for ballot ordering, testing and absentee voting. The first round of proofs was completed by the staff. The staff then sends the proofs to the State Board for their first review. Following their review, the ballot proofs come to our County Board for review and approval. After the County Board approves the proofs, the State Board completes the final review. The Director grouped the ballots by party (Constitution, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Republican and Nonpartisan [not a party]) for each precinct. She read the list of candidates that filed from the State and County Candidate Filing List. The board reviewed and approved all the ballot proofs for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Other Business (continued)

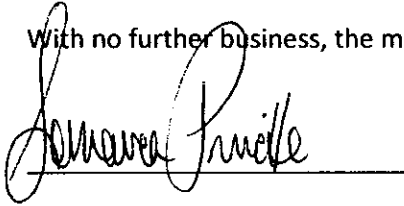
Hayesville Polling Site

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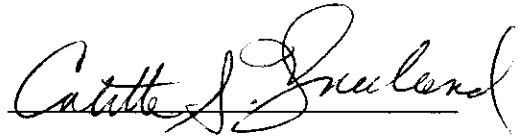
Board Member Barry Gupton inquired about the status of the voting enclosure at the Epsom Fire Department in Henderson, NC (Franklin County). The Director stated that no additional information has been received. Board Member Barry Gupton stated that he has contacts and will reach out to the Epsom Fire Department.

Board Member Barry Gupton 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 8:11 pm.



Chairperson, Sonravea Privette



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland