

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – February 11, 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, Secretary Harry Barrick, M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, 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 presented the mail-in absentee ballots for board review, followed by other business.

New Business

Absentee Ballot Review

February 11, 2020

NCGS 163A-1308

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 37 civilian mail-in absentee ballots and 1 military absentee ballot returned that were to be reviewed at this meeting. After the review a motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick to approve 35 of the civilian mail-in absentee ballots and the 1 military absentee ballot, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill. The vote was unanimous. The board requested that the Director research the witness dates for the other 2 mail-in absentee ballots and report the findings to the board for review.

Director Michelle Chavis reported that 2 undeliverable civilian absentee ballots were returned. She explained that research was conducted to verify the accuracy of the mailing addresses. The addresses used matched the addresses submitted on the absentee ballot request forms. Voter contact by phone was attempted, however, the voters could not be contacted. The Board recommended using the Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT) to visit the voters in person. The Director stated that a MAT has not been formed due to the need for a Republican member. Board Secretary Harry Barrick will follow up with the Director to provide a Republican member for the MAT.

The Director asked the Board to allow the staff to spoil and reissue absentee ballots that do not meet the legal requirements for the 2020 Primary.

Other Business

Private Polling Site Agreements

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Director Michelle Chavis informed the Board that three of the four Private Polling Site agreements were ready for the Board Chair to sign for the 2020 election year. The Rocky Chapel Baptist church is the polling site with the pending agreement.

Petition for Unaffiliated Candidates

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Director Michelle Chavis reported that a candidate has filed a petition to run as an unaffiliated candidate for the County Commissioner District 1 contest for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The deadline for names to be submitted to the county Board of Elections is 12:00 noon on March 3, 2020 Primary Election.

Inclement Weather Procedures

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Director Michelle Chavis explained that during one-stop voting per the State Board of Elections Numbered Memo 2020-04, that the Board is required to decide on site closures due to inclement weather. She stated that on Election Day the State Board of Elections and the Governor make the final decision on polling site closures.

IT Support at One-Stop Sites

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Director Michelle Chavis informed the Board that IT will be available on the first day of early voting for the 2020 Primary Election at the four one-stop polling sites.

Review Minutes from January 8, 2020 Board Meeting

January 8, 2020

NCGS 163A-767 (also cited as NCGS 163-31)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 8, 2020 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.

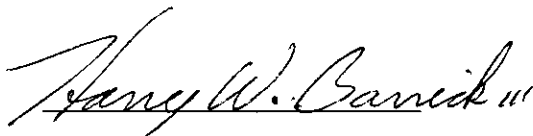
Meeting Times for the 2020 Primary Election Board Meetings

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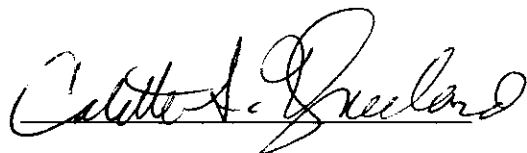
Director Michelle Chavis reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and times with the Board Members. She also stated the deadline for the Election Day Observers Lists was due on or by February 27, 2020 at 10:00 am and that she would notify the board by email with the lists.

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 7:29 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland