

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – February 18, 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 printed the list of one-stop voters while awaiting the arrival of two Board members and reported the total number of one-stop voters to date to the Board. The Director presented the mail-in absentee ballots for board review, followed by other business.

New Business

Absentee Ballot Review

February 18, 2020

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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 25 civilian mail-in absentee ballots and 1 overseas absentee ballot returned that were to be reviewed at this meeting. After the review a motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick to approve 20 of the civilian mail-in absentee ballots and the 1 overseas absentee ballot, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton. The vote was unanimous.

Director Michelle Chavis reported that she had been in contact with the voters for the 2 absentee ballots with the witness's date different than the voter certification date. The Director stated that the state board had revised the disapproval ruling for absentee ballots with witness date discrepancies with the voter certification date. The Board recommended that she conduct further research and report the findings to the board for review. The Board recommended the disapproval of 1 mail-in absentee ballot with witness dates 2 weeks beyond the voter's certification date. The remaining 2 mail-in absentee ballots were disapproved by the Board due to missing signature by the voter. Voter assistance was documented for each ballot, but the voter needs to make their mark or write an 'X' if unable to sign. These two ballots will be spoiled and the voters will receive a new ballot with a letter explaining the deficiency.

Other Business

Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT)

February 18, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis suggested the Board consider reimbursing the MAT volunteers for their mileage. A motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to reimburse the MAT volunteers for mileage. The vote was unanimous.

New Board Member

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Director Michelle Chavis reported that for the State Board appointed Angela Pearce as the new Republican Board Member. The Director stated she would set-up to have Ms. Pearce sworn in at our next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Times for the 2020 Primary Election Board Meetings
February 11, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reviewed the upcoming meetings schedule as well as preparations and procedures for Election Day with the Board Members. A resolution will be prepared for Board signature to meet on Election Day, March 3, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Franklinton One-Stop Site
February 11, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reported that the Franklinton Public Library had a water leak after the close of polls on Saturday February 8, 2020. The water leak was contained with limited damage and the cleanup was successful with no impact to the polling site schedule. The matter was reported to the State Board by the Director.

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 7:17 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland