

## Minutes

### Franklin County Board of Elections

#### Board Meeting – February 25, 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, Angela Pearce, Carey Johnson, 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 first introduced the new Republican Board Member Angela Pearce to the Board. After the new Board Member was sworn in, the Director presented other business issues for Board discussion, followed by Board review of the mail-in absentee ballots.

#### New Business

Swear in Newly Appointed Board Member  
February 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis introduced the newly appointed Republican Board Member Angela Pearce to the Board. After sharing a few words about herself with the Board, Angela Pearce was sworn in by the Director Michelle Chavis. Carey Johnson, Reporter for the Franklin Times, photographed the ceremony.

#### Other Business

Petition for Unaffiliated Candidates  
February 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reported that Virgil Stuart May has filed a petition to run as an unaffiliated candidate for the County Commissioner District 1 contest for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Mr. May submitted a timely petition with 434 signers, of which 347 were approved, 49 were not registered, 22 were not in District 1, 3 had an out of country addresses and 1 was a duplicate signer. By statute, Mr. May needed to submit 4% of the voting population in District 1 to have his petition approved. The number was 282 voters. The motion to certify the Petition filed by Virgil Stuart May to run as an unaffiliated candidate for County Commissioner District 1 contest for the November 3, 2020 General Election was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution for the Board Meeting Time on Election Day, March 3, 2020  
February 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis presented the resolution for the Board Chairperson to sign for the Board to meet at 3:00 pm on Election Day.

#### New Business Continued

Absentee Ballot Review  
February 25, 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 2 undeliverable absentee ballots returned that were to be reviewed at this meeting.

Director Michelle Chavis explained that upon further research the voters for each of the 2 undeliverable absentee ballots had voted at one-stop sites which spoils their absentee by mail ballot in the system.

Director Michelle Chavis explained that upon further research with the State Board of Elections regarding witness date discrepancies, that she received an email from the state, which she read aloud. The email stated that there is no longer any statutory requirement that witness date discrepancies would be used to disapprove an absentee by mail ballot. (see email attached to the minutes)

After the review a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Secretary Harry Barrick to approve 37 civilian mail-in absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous.

### **Other Business Continued**

Meeting Times for the 2020 Primary Election Board Meetings

February 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reviewed the upcoming meetings schedule as well as preparations and procedures for Election Day with the Board Members. The Director will contact the Board by email to confirm meeting times. The Director also shared the State Board of Elections Conference dates for August 2020 with the Board.

### **New Business Continued**

Review Minutes from December 3, 2019 Board Meeting

February 25, 2020

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 2019 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 February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

February 25, 2020

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 11, 2020 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 February 18, 2020 Board Meeting

February 25, 2020

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 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.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland