

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – March 6, 2020 (Sample Audit Count)

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 9:00 am. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, and Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland.

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 supervise the Sample Audit Count for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

New Business

Sample Audit Count

March 6, 2020

NCGS 163A-1166 (also cited as NCGS 163-182.1)

The Board Members moved the meeting to the equipment room to supervise the Sample Audit count for the two precincts involved, #11 Sandy Creek and #6 Bunn. Director Michelle Chavis explained the process of the Sample Audit counting to the two bi-partisan teams. Both precincts were counting the President contest for each party voted by ballot style. There were two bi-partisan teams per precinct polling place to separate and count the ballots. There were four people seated at each table; one to call, two to tally, and one to observe. The Board Members and staff observed as well.

The precinct ballots provided for precinct #11 Sandy Creek were verified by the Board Members while the Deputy Director recorded the security seal numbers, and they read as follows: #0046804 and #0046821. The hand count for precinct #11 Sandy Creek resulted in an exact match with the Election Night Reporting (ENR) results. Once the hand count for precinct #11 Sandy Creek was successfully completed, the team signed the official counting form and the Board Members sealed the ballots back in their proper container with two numbered security seals, while Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland recorded the seal numbers, and they read as follows: #1932197 and #1932181.

The precinct ballots provided for precinct #6 Bunn were verified by the Board Members while the Deputy Director recorded the security seal numbers, and they read as follows: #1932284 and #1932283. The hand count for precinct #6 Bunn resulted in an exact match with the ENR results. Once the hand counts for precinct #6 Bunn were successfully completed, the team signed the official counting forms and the Board Members sealed the ballots in their proper container with two numbered security seals, while Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland recorded the seal numbers, and they read as follows: #1932182 and #1932183.

Verify West Harris Ballot Boxes

March 6, 2020

The Chairperson Sonravea Privette asked the Board Members to verify the ballot boxes for precinct #17 West Harris. The unvoted and voted ballot boxes were verified and resealed by the Board Members and recorded by the Deputy Director as follows:

Precinct #17 Ballot Box	Old Seals	New Seals
Unvoted Ballot Box	#1932240 and #1932239	#1932184 and #1932185
Voted Ballot Box	#0046839 and #0046867	#1932186 and #1932187

Other Business

One-Stop Voter Challenges

NCGS 163-89

March 6, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis updated the Board regarding the hearing for the two voter challenges at two different one-stop sites that voted as same day registrants. The voter challenge documents were submitted by the Director to the Board on Election Day as required by statute under the guidance and presence of the County Attorney Pete Tomlinson. The Director reported that the voters being challenged were notified of the challenge hearing to be held at 10:00 am on March 13, 2020, prior to the 11:00 am Canvass Meeting for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The Board will provide the ruling for the voter challenges. If the Board rules to remove the challenged votes from the results, then the Director will provide the reports showing the ENR manual edit reports for the Board to review. The Director requested that the Board give her permission to pull the two challenged ballots with the assistance of the Deputy Director in preparation for the hearing. Board Member Angela Pearce made a motion for the Director and Deputy Director to pull the two challenged ballots, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from February 29, 2020 Meeting

March 6, 2020

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 29, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Member Angela Pearce, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from March 2, 2020 Meeting

March 6, 2020

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Member Angela Pearce to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from March 3, 2020 Meeting

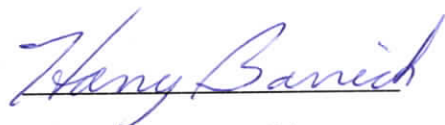
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NCGS 163A-767 (also cited as NCGS 163-31)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Angela Pearce to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton. The vote was unanimous.

Board Member Angela Pearce 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 10:25 am.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland