

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – March 10, 2020 (Provisional Ballot Review)

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, 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 review and to count the Provisional Ballots for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election and any supplemental absentee mail-in ballots.

Other Business

Supplemental Absentee Ballot Review

March 10, 2020

NCGS 163A-1308

Director Michelle Chavis gave the supplemental mail-in absentee ballot envelopes to the Board Members for review and explained the process of examining the envelopes for the supplemental mail-in absentee ballots. There were 6 civilian mail-in absentee ballots that were returned timely (postmarked on or before March 3, 2020 and received by March 6, 2020) to be reviewed at this meeting. Director Michelle Chavis reported that 3 UOCAVA (1 military and 2 overseas) mail-in absentee ballots have not been returned and the deadline to return them is by mail only with a timely postmark date of March 3, 2020 and received by March 12, 2020.

After the review a motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the 6 supplemental mail-in absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

Review of Provisional Ballots

March 10, 2020

NCGS 163A-1169 (also cited as NCGS 163-182.2)

The Director Michelle Chavis explained the process of reviewing and tabulating the provisional ballots. The Director explained that provisional ballots must be duplicated by the Board if the voter did not vote the ballot-style (precinct, party, etc.) contests that they were registered to vote for. She presented the Board Members with 3 reports of the provisional ballots grouped by Vote Count (Approved, Partial, and Not Approved) and explained that the ballots were thoroughly researched by staff as required by the State.

The Director gave the Board Members the 10 approved provisional ballots and read aloud the research findings for each ballot. After the Board reviewed the 10 approved provisional ballots, a motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the 10 approved provisional ballots as marked. The vote was unanimous.

The Director gave the Board the 13 partial provisional ballots and read aloud the research findings for each ballot and explained that each ballot would need to be duplicated by the Board. After the Board reviewed the 13 partial provisional ballots, a motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to approve the 13 partial provisional ballots as marked. The vote was unanimous.

The Director gave the Board the 49 not approved provisional ballots and read aloud the research findings for each ballot. The Board requested additional research with the state for 1 of the not approved provisional ballots voted at a one-stop site. After the Board reviewed the 49 not approved provisional ballots, a motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to disapprove 48 not approved provisional ballots and revisit 1 not approved provisional ballot with the additional research findings, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill. The vote was unanimous.

After the Board opened and duplicated as required, the 10 approved and the 13 partial provisional ballots were read into the designated DS200 tabulator. The Board Members signed the zero results tape and the Board Chairperson Sonravea Privette signed each provisional ballot envelope.

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 7:59 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland