

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – August 25, 2020 Board Meeting

The Franklin County Board of Elections met virtually on this date at 6:30 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill (by phone), Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce (later by phone), Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and suggested they address the agenda item to Revise the One-Stop Implementation Plan when all Board Members were present. She turned the meeting over to the Director Michelle Chavis. The Director explained that they would follow the agenda, skipping over the Revise One-stop Implementation plan agenda item and discuss any additional items at the end.

New Business

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Question and Comments from the public

There were no public in attendance at the meeting.

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Proof Ballots for 2020 Presidential General Election

Director Michelle Chavis presented the board with ballot proofs and explained the State Board of Elections ballot proofing process. The Director explained that the deadlines for proofing were very tight and must be met in order to meet elections deadlines for ballot ordering, testing and absentee voting. The first round of proofs was completed by the staff. The staff then sends the proofs to the State Board for their initial review. Following their review, the proofs come to our County Board for review and approval. After the County Board approves the proofs, the State Board completes the fourth and final review. The Director grouped the ballots by style within the precinct and read the list of candidates that filed for each contest from the Candidate Filing List while the board reviewed all the ballots.

Revise the One-stop (early voting) Implementation Plan

August 25, 2020

NCGS 163-227.6 and SBOE Memo 2020-14 re: Emergency Order of July 17, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis explained that the statute requires that the one-stop site in lieu of the office must match the dates and times of other one-stop sites or match the office hours. She contacted the Louisburg Armory One-stop site to inquire about the conflicting schedule for voting on Saturday 10/18/2020. They were able to accommodate us with additional partitions in place to properly share the building where the voting enclosure would be setup.

The motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Secretary Harry Barrick, to revise the one-stop plan to include the additional Saturday at the Louisburg Armory which matches the other one-stop site schedules as follows for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. The vote was unanimous.

| Site Name | Sat Oct 17 th | Sun Oct 18 th | Sat Oct 24 th | Sun Oct 25 th | Sat Oct 31 st |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Louisburg Armory | 8 am – 6 pm | | 8 am – 3 pm | 1 pm – 5 pm | 8 am – 3 pm |
| Sheriff Substation, Bunn | 8 am – 6 pm | | 8 am – 3 pm | 1 pm – 5 pm | 8 am – 3 pm |
| Faith Baptist Church, Youngsville | 8 am – 6 pm | | 8 am – 3 pm | 1 pm – 5 pm | 8 am – 3 pm |
| Lions Club, Franklinton | 8 am – 6 pm | | 8 am – 3 pm | 1 pm – 5 pm | 8 am – 3 pm |

Review Minutes from August 11, 2020 Board Meeting
August 25, 2020
NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Meeting. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton, to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT)
August 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis reported that she had 2 Democratic party names that were previously given, that had declined to work on the MAT. The MAT currently has no members and will need members from both Republican and Democrats. Anyone interested in serving on the MAT should contact the Board of Elections office. The Director will ask the part-time staff if they would be interested in serving on the MAT.

Other Business

August 25, 2020

Director Michelle Chavis explained that the board needs to schedule additional Absentee Board Meetings due to the extremely high volume of Absentee Ballots being processed as reported by the State Board of Elections. The motion was made by Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to meet twice weekly for Absentee Board Meetings on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:00 pm starting on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 through October 29, 2020.

The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.


Secretary Harry Barrick


Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland