

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – October 15, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 6:00 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton and Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette Kneeland, and Observer Ed Strickland.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and made a motion for the Board to go into closed session per NCGS 163-318.11, Reason 1. The motion was seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill. The vote was unanimous. After the Board returned from closed session at 6:21 pm, the Chairperson turned the meeting over to the Director.

Closed Session

October 15, 2020

NCGS 163-318.11, Reason 1

Chairperson Sonravea Privette requested that the Board review and discuss the mandatory COVID19 guidelines for social distancing at local government offices. The Chairperson suggested that each Board Member provide comments regarding the guidelines and the reasonable accommodations available for Board Members not able to wear face coverings. Comments were received from each Board Member regarding the guidelines and the mobile phone video conferencing communications used at the previous board meeting. The board agreed to use a laptop instead of the mobile phone at the next board meeting with 1 vote under protest. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to end the closed session. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

Review Minutes from October 8, 2020 Board Meeting

October 15, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 8, 2020 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.

Absentee Ballot Review

October 15, 2020

NCGS 163-230.1 and State Board of Elections Numbered Memos: 2020-28 – Court Order Regarding Numbered Memos [2020-19 (both versions), 2020-22, 2020-23 and 2020-27].

Chairperson Sonravea Privette requested that the Board continue to work as 2 multi-partisan groups to review all the mail-in ballots and to insert them into the tabulator. Any ballots that were damaged during the opening of the envelope will be duplicated with a multi-partisan group and fed into the tabulator.

The Director provided the Board with the list of 3 Overseas UOCAVA Ballots for review and to duplicate for tabulation. A motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to approve the 3 Overseas Ballots. The vote was unanimous.

The Director provided the Board with the list of 1 Military UOCAVA Ballot for review and to duplicate for tabulation. A motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, to approve the 1 Military Ballot. The vote was unanimous.

The Director provided the Board with a list of 157 civilian absentee ballots to be reviewed by the board. She explained that no further action can be taken for those Civilian mail-in Absentee Ballots with deficiencies due to awaiting final ruling from the courts to the State Board of Elections and that they will be placed in a Pending status in the SEIMS database.

After the Board reviewed the Civilian mail-in Absentee Ballots, a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to approve 152 civilian mail-in absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to disapprove the 5 mail-in ballots to be held per the State Board of Elections due to deficiencies on the ballot return envelope. The vote was unanimous.

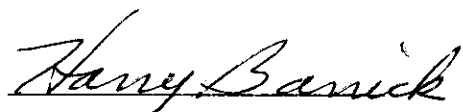
A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

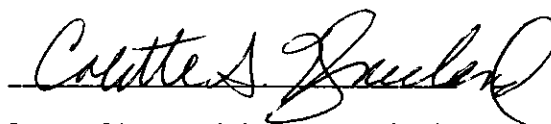
A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to re-open the meeting to sign the DS200 tape to change the statue from closed polls to opened polls. The Board Members signed the DS200 tape.

A motion was made by Board 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 7:20 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland