

## Minutes

### Franklin County Board of Elections

#### Board Meeting – October 20, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 5:00 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton and Angela Pearce (virtual), Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette Kneeland, Susan Hale and Observer Ed Strickland.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and requested assistance from part time Board of Elections staff member Susan Hale to assist Angela Pearce in joining the meeting using the laptop with video conferencing. She then turned the meeting over to the Director Michelle Chavis and the meeting agenda was followed.

#### New Business

Absentee Ballot Review

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NCGS 163-230.1 and State Board of Elections (SBOE) 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 reported that the court ruling with the SBOE allows the Board to act on the guidance as provided in the SBOE Numbered memos regarding the Board review of mail-in absentee ballots. The Director provided the Board with a list of 510 civilian absentee ballots to be reviewed.

After the Board reviewed the Civilian mail-in Absentee Ballots, a motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member, M. Rose Gill to approve 488 civilian mail-in absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to disapprove the 22 mail-in ballots to be held per the State Board of Elections due to deficiencies on the ballot return envelope. The vote was unanimous.

The Board was provided with the lists of 5 Military and 2 Overseas UOCAVA Ballots for review and to duplicate as needed for tabulation. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to approve the 2 Overseas Ballots. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to approve the 5 Military Ballots. The vote was unanimous.

The tabulated ballots that filled the DS200 tabulator were sealed by a multi-partisan group watching using the following seal numbers: 2018250 and 2018249.

#### Other Business

Director Michelle Chavis reported that over 10,000 have voted at the one-stop early voting sites. She explained that one incident was reported to the State Board of Elections involving the replacement of a DS200 tabulator. The DS200 tabulator was replaced due to not reading ballots resulting from weather conditions that caused excessive humidity. A dehumidifier was installed at the site and the new DS200 is operating properly.

Director Michelle Chavis reported that a new chief judge was required at precinct #3 and suggested that Republican Judge Wyatt McGhee be appointed. The Board agreed that he would be a good

replacement as he has successfully served for many years at that precinct as chief judge during previous appointments.

**New Business (continued)**

Review Minutes from October 13, 2020 Board Meeting

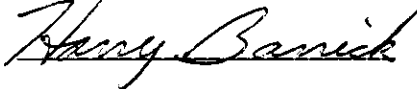
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NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 13, 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.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland