

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – November 12, 2020 (Supplemental Absentee Ballot Review)

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 (Virtual), Barry Gupton, and Angela Pearce (Virtual), Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, County Attorney Boyd Sturges (later), Observers Kay Dean and Armenta Eaton and the following public attendees:

1. Debbie Powell
2. Ralph Powell
3. William Paugh
4. Lydia Stallings
5. Durward W. Stallings
6. Nicole Pratt

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 the Supplemental Absentee Ballots and the Provisional Ballots for the 2020 Presidential General Election and to conduct other business matters first.

Other Business

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The Board instructed Director Michelle Chavis to reopen the polls on the Gold Mine DS200 tabulator. The Director reported that the total ballots cast after reopening the polls was 332. The Board retrieved the 27 secured (Seal # 172956) Gold Mine Ballots that were previously duplicated by the Board at the meeting on November 10, 2020 and fed them into the tabulator. Refer to the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting minutes for the Board response regarding the processing of the Gold Mine Ballots. The Board instructed the Director to close the polls for Gold Mine and the Board signed the DS200 tape. The total ballots cast for Gold Mine Precinct was 359. The voted ballots for the Gold Mine precinct were secured by the Board with seals #s: 1932104 & 1932105.

Review Minutes from November 6, 2020 Board Meeting

November 12, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 6, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from November 10, 2020 Board Meeting

November 12, 2020

NCGS 163-31

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting. The motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

November 12, 2020

Review of Supplemental Absentee Ballots

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].

The Director provided the Board with a list of 184 Civilian Mail-in Supplemental Absentee Ballots for review. The list included the 116 Civilian Mail-in Supplemental Absentee ballots previously reviewed by the Board at the meeting on Election Day 11/3/2020. After review of the Civilian Mail-in Ballots, a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to approve 182 Civilian Mail-in Supplemental Absentee Ballots. A motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to disapprove 2 Civilian Mail-in Supplemental Absentee Ballots due to incomplete certification forms.

The Director provided the Board with the lists of 2 Military and 2 Overseas UOCAVA Supplemental Absentee Ballots for review. After review of the Military UOCAVA ballots a motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to approve the 2 Military UOCAVA Supplemental Absentee Ballots. The vote was unanimous. After review of the Overseas UOCAVA ballots a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to approve the 2 Overseas UOCAVA Supplemental Absentee Ballots. The vote was unanimous.

The Board instructed the Director to close the polls for the Supplemental Absentee Ballots and the Board signed the DS200 tape. The total ballots cast for Supplemental Absentee was 186. The voted ballots for Supplemental Absentee were secured by the Board with seals #: 1932147 & 1932146.

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Review of Provisional Ballots

NCGS 163-182.2 and State Board of Elections Numbered Memo #2018-05 (Canvass Procedures and Provisional Ballots)

The Director Michelle Chavis explained the process of reviewing and tabulating the provisional ballots. The Director explained that some provisional ballots must be duplicated by the Board if the voter did not vote the correct ballot-style (precinct and/or county commissioner district) contests that they were registered to vote for. She presented the Board Members with 4 reports of the provisional ballots grouped by Vote Count (Approved, Partial, Pending and Not Approved) and explained that the ballots were thoroughly researched by staff and audited by the State Board of Elections. She reported that the State Board audit did not find any discrepancies with the county findings.

After the Board reviewed the approved provisional ballots, a motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to approve 3 additional provisional ballots. The vote was unanimous. The Board opened and fed the approved ballots into the DS200 tabulator. The Director gave the Board the partial provisional ballots to be duplicated by the Board. After the Board duplicated and tabulated the provisional ballots, a motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to approve the 5 additional partial provisional ballots that were duplicated as marked. The vote was unanimous.

After the Board reviewed the remaining provisional ballots a motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill to disapprove the additional 12 provisional ballots. The vote was unanimous. The Board instructed the Director to consult with legal at the State Board of Elections for the disapproved provisional ballot with pin #002-0039-0002 that was fed into DS200 before the poll worker had a chance to stop them. The Board voted 4 to 1 to not retrieve the ballot as the poll worker reported that the ballot may not have been marked with the "P" for provisional

ballot. The Board instructed the Director to obtain the necessary guidance from the State Board of Elections for processing the 5 disapproved pending provisional ballots.

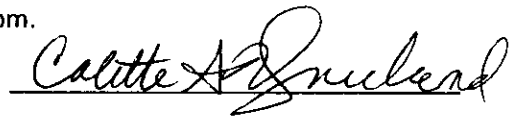
The Board instructed the Director to close the polls for the Provisional Ballots and the Board signed the DS200 tape. The total ballots cast for Provisionals was 75. The voted ballots for Provisionals were secured by the Board with seals #: 1932106 & 1932107.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland