

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – November 23, 2020 (Preliminary Protest Hearing for Candidate Cheri Beasley)

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 7:00 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce (Virtual), Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, County Attorney Boyd Sturges, and Observers Lucy Allen and Ed Strickland (later). Board Secretary Harry Barrick was not present.

Chairperson Sonravea Privette called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Boyd Sturges. The Attorney explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the findings regarding the Elections Protest submitted to Franklin County Board of Elections by Candidate Cheri Beasley.

New Business

Preliminary Protest Hearing for Candidate Cheri Beasley
November 23, 2020

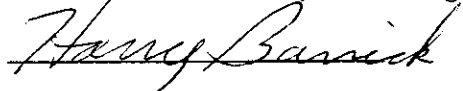
NCGS 163-182.9 & 10 and NC State Board of Elections Election Protest Procedures Guide

The County Attorney requested that the Board review the findings pertaining to the exhibits contained in the Elections Protest as submitted to the Franklin County Board of Elections by Candidate Cheri Beasley. Director Michelle Chavis reported that they researched all the exhibits in the protest. The exhibits for Franklin County pertained to absentee and provisional voting. She explained that the absentee ballots were not voted because the voter did not return the re-issued ballot or the pending cure certificate letter. Absentee ballots were reissued because the voter either spoiled the ballot and requested another ballot or because the witness information on their ballot return envelope was incomplete. Some absentee voters were sent a pending cure certificate letter instead of a re-issuing a new ballot. The protested absentee ballots were previously disapproved by the Board at the following Board Meetings: October 13, 20 & 27 and November 2, 2020. She stated that the provisional votes were not counted because there was no record of registration for these voters. These provisional ballots were previously disapproved by the Board at the Board meeting on November 10, 2020.

After discussion of findings, a motion was made by Board Member Barry Gupton to deny the Protest as submitted by Candidate Cheri Beasley, seconded by Board Member Angela Pearce. The vote was unanimous.

Board Member M. Rose Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton. The vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland