

## Minutes

### Franklin County Board of Elections

#### Board Meeting – December 06, 2020 (Hand-to-Eye Recount)

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 9:00 am. The following were present: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill (later), Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce (Virtual), Director Michelle Chavis, Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, along with observers Sidney Reynolds and Lucy Allen.

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 conduct a hand-to-eye recount of 3% of the ballots selected at a random drawing by the State Board of Elections for the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 1 contest for the 2020 Presidential General Election as requested by candidate Cheri Beasley.

#### New Business

Hand-to-Eye Recount for NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 1  
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Director Michelle Chavis asked that the Board Meeting move into the equipment room where the Recount will take place. The Board Members moved the meeting to the equipment room to supervise the hand-to-eye recount for the one precinct involved, #2 West Louisburg Country. The Director explained the process of the hand-to-eye recount to the Bi-partisan team. The Bi-partisan team were only counting the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 1 contest for each candidate on the ballot. The Bi-partisan team sorted the ballots by candidate and counted the ballots. There were four team members seated at the table; one to call, two to tally, and one to observe. The board and staff observed as well.

The ballots provided for precinct #2 West Louisburg Country were verified by the Board Members and the security seal numbers were removed from the ballot box and recorded as #2018250 and #2018208. The hand-to-eye recount for the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 1 resulted in an exact match with the Election Night Reporting and Recount results tapes for election day voting at precinct #2, West Louisburg Country with 84 votes for Cheri Beasley and 94 votes for Paul Newby. Once the hand-to-eye recount was successfully completed, the team signed the official counting form and the Board Members sealed the ballots back in their proper container with two numbered security seals recorded as #2129532 and #2129533.

After the Recount was completed, a motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Board Secretary Harry Barrick to close the hand-to-eye recount meeting at 9:33 am. The vote was unanimous.

The Board returned to the conference room to discuss other business.

#### Other Business

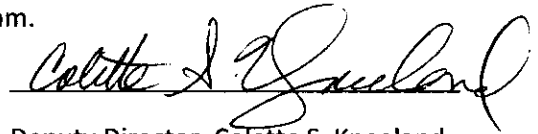
Director Michelle Chavis stated that the Board would need to meet again in February 2021 to complete the Director evaluation and discuss the upcoming budget. Chairperson Sonravea Privette explained that they would use email to review the evaluation documents for board approval. The Director asked the board to discuss the precinct officials Pay Rate for the hand-to-eye recount. After a brief discussion, the motion was made by Board Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton to pay a one-time flat rate of \$40.00 to each precinct official for the hand-to-eye recount.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.



Secretary, Harry Barrick



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland