

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – December 3, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 6:30 pm. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Harry Barrick, Director Michelle Chavis, and Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland.

The following Board Members were absent: Board Secretary Larry Tucker.

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 and approve the one-stop implementation plan for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election and discuss other business. The Chairperson suggested to delay the meeting to allow additional arrival time for Board Secretary Larry Tucker to be able to participate in the review of the one-stop implementation plan. The Director suggested that they review the previous board meeting minutes while awaiting the Board Secretary's arrival. After review and approval of the minutes, the Director attempted to contact the Board Secretary by phone at 6:42 pm, however, she was unable to reach him or leave a message.

Other Business

Review Minutes from November 15, 2019 Canvass Meeting
November 15, 2019
NCGS 163A-767 (also cited as NCGS 163-31)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was made by Board Member Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member Barry Gupton, to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Review Minutes from November 15, 2019 Meeting (immediately after Canvass)
November 15, 2019
NCGS 163A-767 (also cited as NCGS 163-31)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was made by Board Member M. Rose Gill, seconded by Board Member Harry Barrick to approve the minutes with corrections. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

Review One Stop Implementation Plan
December 3, 2019
NCGS 163-227.6

Director Michelle Chavis explained the one-stop implementation plan approval process to the Board Members. She presented them with the list of dates and times for each of the four one-stop sites for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The Director stated that all appointed board members must approve the one-stop implementation plan in order to submit a unanimous plan to the NC State Board of Elections, however, a majority plan may be submitted instead. After a discussion among the Board Members, the Chairperson opened the floor to entertain a motion. The motion was made to approve the following one-stop implementation plan with two additional Saturdays from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm by Board Member Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member M. Rose Gill. The Director will submit the one-stop implementation plan to the NC State Board with the majority approval of the appointed board members that were present due to the absence of the Board Secretary.

2020 Presidential Primary Election - One-stop Implementation Plan

Polling Sites:

Board of Elections Office, Franklinton Library, Youngsville Library & Bunn Library

Dates:

Weekdays, Beginning on, Thursday February 13th - 14th, 17th - 21st, 24th - 28th.

Weekends, Saturdays only, February 15th, 22nd & 29th (Last day).

Times:

Weekdays: 8:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other Business (continued)

Hayesville Polling Site

December 3, 2019

Director Michelle Chavis explained the concerns regarding the air quality in the bay area which currently serves as the voting enclosure at the Epsom Fire Department in Henderson, NC (Franklin County). The air quality could possibly interfere with the proper tabulating of the paper ballots. For the past several election cycles, the polling site was moved to the bay area from the enclosed room of the Fire Department. The board instructed the Director to contact the new fire chief and inquire about using the enclosed room for the Presidential Primary Election scheduled for March 3, 2020.

Review 2020 Presidential Primary Election Schedule

December 3, 2019

Director Michelle Chavis discussed the absentee board meeting dates and other important dates for the upcoming 2020 Presidential Primary Election. The start time will be 6:30 pm for the absentee board meeting dates, February 11th, 18th and 25th, 2020. Chairperson Sonravea Privette suggested they wait until they are closer to the 2020 Primary Election to consider the start times for the pre-election absentee board meeting dates, March 2nd and 3rd, 2020. The Director will contact the Board Members to schedule any additional board meetings as needed and keep the Board Members informed of deadlines for submission of polling site observer lists.

Board Member Harry Barrick 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 7:15 pm.



Chairperson, Sonravea Privette



Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland