

Minutes

Franklin County Board of Elections

Board Meeting – March 13, 2020 (Pre-Canvass Challenge Hearing)

The Franklin County Board of Elections met on this date at 10:00 am. The following were present at that time: Chairperson Sonravea Privette, Secretary Harry Barrick, Board Members M. Rose Gill, Barry Gupton, Angela Pearce, Director Michelle Chavis, and Deputy Director Colette S. Kneeland, along with Franklin County Democratic Chairperson Lucy Allen, Franklin County Attorney Pete Tomlinson and Franklin Times Reporter Carey Johnson.

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 is to hold a Challenge Hearing for two one-stop absentee voters prior to the Canvass of the 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

New Business

Challenge Hearing

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Director Michelle Chavis stated that the County Attorney, Pete Thomlinson would conduct the hearing for the two one-stop absentee voters for the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. After the Director was sworn in as the Challenger by the County Attorney, she reported that the two one-stop voters being challenged were reported as convicted felons on the North Carolina Department of Correction Felony Conviction reports. These reports are provided by the State Board of Elections and are processed daily during one-stop voting by the Franklin County Board of Elections. The voters were properly notified by certified mail of their felony conviction status and their scheduled challenge hearing. The County Attorney submitted as evidence, copies of the reports as exhibit 1 and copies of the certified notices as exhibit 2. The Board Members waited until 10:30 am to give the voters being challenged additional arrival time before ruling on the evidence submitted. Neither of the two voters being challenged appeared at the hearing. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member, M. Rose Gill to rule that the challenge for voter #1 was sustained. The vote was unanimous. The motion was made by Secretary Harry Barrick, seconded by Board Member, M. Rose Gill to rule that the challenge for voter #2 was sustained. The vote was unanimous.

The Director provided the Board Members with two ballot tally sheets. The Board Members tallied the contests voted by each felony voter for removal from the election results as a manual edit of the 2020 Presidential Primary Election results for the Canvass Meeting to follow. The tally sheets were signed by all Board Members.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.


Secretary, Harry Barrick


Deputy Director, Colette S. Kneeland