



MONTGOMERY COUNTY **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Teddi Benson Chairperson
John Adams, Secretary
Debbie Burris, Member
Dree Wynkoop, Member
Tasha Medley, Member

BOARD MEETING MINUTES **November 21, 2024** **12:00PM**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) met November 21 2024 at 12:00PM at the BOE office located at 327 N. Main Street in Troy, NC. Board members present were Teddi Benson, Dree Wynkoop, John Adams, Debbie Burris and Tasha Medley. BOE staff present were Deputy Director Kimberly Walter and Office Assistant Donna Moore.

Chairperson Benson called the meeting to order at 12:01PM.

There were no minutes for board members to approve.

Board Meeting Agenda was approved. Member Burris made a motion to approve the agenda and Member Medley seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Reopen Canvass to recertify Abstract:

Deputy Director Walter advised that there was a discrepancy of 28 between votes cast and voter history. She stated that, on Monday, our State Elections Representative, Steve Adams, had provided her with 28 names to pull their Absentee Envelopes to make sure the ballots were not in the envelopes and had been processed. All envelopes were empty. Mr. Adams then told her to hand count all Absentees and the numbers matched. In addition to the Absentee Envelopes, she checked the Supplemental Absentees and discovered there were 28 total. A flash drive, which was not clearly labeled, was located on Director Rhonda Johnson's desk near the Electionware Computer. Steve told her he would return on Tuesday to see what was on the flash drive. When he checked the flash drive, he discovered the 28 votes that were missing from the history and said that the Board would have to re-open Canvass to recertify the Abstract which includes the 28 Supplemental Absentees. He instructed Deputy Director Walter on the process needed to import those votes so they would be included the final Official Results at the close of Canvass following the conclusion of the required recount. Member Adams made a motion to re-open Canvass to re-certify the Abstract and Member Burris seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

State Recount for Superior Court Associate Justice Seat 6:

Member Adams advised that Candidate Allison Riggs had more votes than Candidate Jefferson Griffin but did not have the percentage needed to be declared the winner and the candidate with the lesser number of votes did not concede, but rather requested a recount of all votes statewide. Although the rest of the state began the Recount on Wednesday, Montgomery County's recount

was delayed because of having to find the missing 28 ballots, add them to the total number of votes, and then wait the required 48 hours to be able to conduct the Recount. He announced that there were 28 Precinct Officials who worked the 2024 elections called and are present today to perform the required recount. Deputy Director Walter previously explained the process to the Precinct Officials and recount was to begin once there was a break in this meeting.



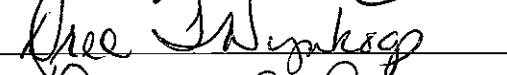
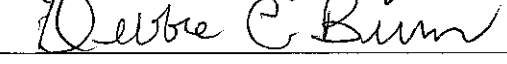
Precinct Official Pay for the Recount:

Member Adams stated that the Board needed to consider the rate of pay for the Precinct Workers performing the Recount. Member Burris stated that she thinks the workers should be paid the same rate as a Precinct Worker assigned as a Judge on Election Day would make. Member Adams agreed and asked what the Judge per/hour rate was. No one present knew. He directed the office staff to find out from the County. Member Adams made a motion to pay the Precinct workers the same amount as a Precinct Worker assigned as a Judge and Member Burris seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Close Canvass:

The Board agreed to return Friday, November 22, 2024 at 12:00PM to Close Canvass and sign the required documents with Notary present

With no further comments, Chairperson Benson called for a motion to adjourn. Member Burris made the motion and Member Adams seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:23PM.

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