



ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Agenda
Orange County Board of Elections
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – 4:30 PM

Present: Jamie Cox, Chair; Shawnee Seese, Secretary; Clare Brennan; Elvira Mebane; Jason Roberts; and Rachel Raper, Director

Call to order:

Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order. Present to address the Board were: Steve Mullinix and Laura Raffield

Approval of Board Minutes:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Mebane seconded the motion to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Raper provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast to Date

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing 109,667 registered voters. Registered voters increased by 530 since January 7, 2020.

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast to Date:

The director reported there were 34 civilian absentee ballots, 21 overseas absentee ballots, and one military absentee ballot cast for which approval is recommended. There is one civilian ballot for which rejection is recommended due to not being signed by the voter. The voter has been contacted and been reissued a ballot.

Board Discussions:

The Board discussed Election Day voting locations. The Board recommended lit signage informing voters to park anywhere on the lot to address issues with parking at the Eastside precinct. The voting location for Colonial Heights precinct has been relocated from the proposed lobby of Smith Middle School to the Carolina Center for Educational Excellence, which is attached to Smith Middle School.

Director Raper gave a report on the office's project to intentionally place signage leading voters to their voting locations at new locations and at locations with common complaints.

The recent training with the State Board of Elections February 3 – 4 was discussed. Director Raper will send the link to conference materials once made available to all members of the Board.

Board Actions:

Ms. Seese made a motion and Ms. Brennan seconded a motion to reject one absentee ballots due to lack of voter signature. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Mebane made a motion and Ms. Seese seconded a motion to approve 34 civilian absentee ballots. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Roberts made a motion and Ms. Seese seconded a motion to approve 21 overseas ballots. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Seese made a motion and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to approve one military absentee ballot. The motion passed unanimously. The Board opened the application envelopes and the ballots were inserted into the DS200 tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 56.

Ms. Brennan moved and Ms. Seese seconded a motion the Board move into closed session as permitted in NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss precinct personnel. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Roberts and Ms. Seese seconded a motion the Board return to open session. The motion was unanimous. Ms. Mebane and Ms. Seese seconded a motion to approve the precinct official appointments as discussed. The motion was unanimous. A list of those appointed shall be placed on file with the Board minutes.

Ms. Brennan moved and Ms. Seese seconded a motion the Board adopt the public charge used by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners when navigating disturbances during Board meetings. The public charge is as follows:

The Board of Elections pledges its respect to all present. The Board asks those attending this meeting to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner toward each other, county staff and the commissioners. At any time should a member of the Board or the public fail to observe this charge, the Chair will take steps to restore order and decorum. Should it become impossible to restore order and continue the meeting, the Chair will recess the meeting until such time that a genuine commitment to this public charge is observed. The Board asks that all electronic devices such as cell phones, pagers, and computers should please be turned off or set to silent/vibrate. Please be kind to everyone.

Adjournment:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Seese seconded the motion the Board adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: February 18, 2020 at 4:30 pm