



ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Orange County Board of Elections
Tuesday, September 9, 2019 – 4:30 PM

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

Others present to address the Board: Gabriel Fields

Call to order:

Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order.

Public Comment:

Chair Cox opened the floor to allow public comment.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Mebane seconded the motion to approve the August 6, 2019; August 13, 2019; and August 29, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Director Raper provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Update on Ballot Marking Device (AutoMark) Replacement Process

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 107,067 registered voters. Registered voters increased by 730 since August 6, 2019

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

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

Update on Ballot Marking Device (AutoMark) Replacement Process

The director provided a list of the voting equipment public demonstrations being conducted throughout the state.

Board Discussions:

Mr. Cox thanked the director and deputy director for their assistance to counties conducting congressional elections in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

Board Actions:

The Board discussed precinct boundary alterations based on staff input and feedback received from the community. As a result of public feedback, changes to the prior proposal for the new Rogers Road/Eubanks area was presented. Based on community feedback, the Board declined to make alterations to the boundaries of Cheeks precinct. A copy of this report and the data used is a part of these minutes. Ms. Bigelow moved and Ms. Mebane seconded a motion to accept staff recommendations for precinct boundary alterations as amended by the addition of Granville Towers in the UNC area precinct, the census block change in the Rogers Roads/Eubanks area precinct, and the declination to make alterations to the Cheeks precinct. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bigelow moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion the Board move into closed session as permitted in NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss precinct personnel. The motion was unanimous. Ms. Mebane moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded a motion the Board return to open session. The motion was unanimous.

Director Raper presented the Board with the following list of precincts with judge vacancies and staff recommendations:

Battle Park

Meredith Rowe (Rep) – Judge

Cameron Park

Shirley Fowler (Una) – Judge

Hogan Farms

Lisa Satterwhite (Dem) – Judge

Mason Farm

Ken Morgan (Dem) – Chief Judge

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Bigelow seconded the motion to appoint the above officials for the 2019 – 2021 term. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Ms. Bigelow moved and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion the Board adjourn at 5:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: October 8, 2019 at 2 pm