

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 24, 2012

Call to Order

An Absentee Meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Board of Elections Conference Room on April 24, 2012. The meeting convened at 5:08 PM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Linda Sutton, Secretary Michael Flatow, Member Jonathan Dills

Board Members not in attendance: none

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Judy Speas, Joshua Chunn

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton requested that the Board review the minutes of April 17, 2012. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Absentee Ballot Report

Mr. Chunn recommended 130 absentee ballots for approval and zero for disapproval in the Primary Election weekly report. Mr. Coffman explained the request deadline for a mailed absentee ballot. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots. Motion carried.

Other Business

The Board received updated information on precinct official training and Election Day staffing. The chairman of each county political party may recommend the appointment of precinct officials for each precinct. Mr. Coffman agreed to email a complete listing of the officials to the Board members. The Board also requested that Jacob Wright, Elections Training Specialist, present information on precinct officials and computer operators at the next meeting. The Board agreed that experienced precinct officials were essential on Election Day. Mr. Coffman presented a new Non Voting Systems Incident Report form to be used by officials at the precincts. The Board discussed the distribution of a flyer from a non-registered political action committee. Member Dills suggested that a liaison may be beneficial from the District Attorney's office in order to report issues during the election cycle. The Board stressed that correspondence regarding any issues would require a response from the Board. Mr. Coffman reported that Early Voting at the Government Center was operating smoothly. Precinct officials had been required to halt electioneering within the 50-foot boundary a few times. A One Stop Transaction Statistics report was presented to the Board members.

The Board discussed the upcoming NC State Board appeal of the Challenge to the Candidacies of Ed Hanes, Jr. and S. Wayne Patterson. Mr. Coffman stated that Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, PLLC had sent a correspondence regarding the litigation procedure.

Adjournment

Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM. The next Absentee meeting of the 2012 Primary will be held in the Board of Elections Conference Room on May 1, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Approved:

Linda J. Sutton, Chair

Date

Michael Flatow, Secretary

Date

Jonathan S. Dills, Member

Date

Attachments on File: One Stop Transaction Statistics Report; Non Voting Systems Incident Report form and instructions