



**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Board Meeting**

**Agenda**

**October 11, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Other Business
8. Closed Session (if necessary)
9. Adjournment

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Professional Development Center on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at **5:00** p.m., Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Secretary Catherine Jourdan, Member Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Adam Clark, Louise Lash, Carma Buchannan, Jason Lerman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Robert Durrah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairperson Robert Durrah led a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Member Doomy moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 4, 2022, as submitted; Member Draper seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Louise Lash, Absentee Voting Manger, presented the Board with 430 total absentee ballots for review, 30 total ballots to be disapproved, and 1 pending cure ballot. Of the 430 ballots to approve, 419 were civilian ballots, 8 were oversees ballots, and 3 were military ballots.

Board discusses precedent set forth regarding torn seals on absentee ballot return envelopes. Numbered Memo 2021-03 [2.2 Deficiencies that Require the Ballot to Be spoiled (Civilian)] refers to envelopes unsealed or appears to have been opened and re-sealed upon arrival at the county board office then the ballot must be spoiled and to re-send another ballot to the voter. The Board decided that the threshold for what constitutes as being unsealed is if the ballot can be removed from the envelope through a partially sealed returned envelope. The Board instructed staff to set aside any partially torn seals on any absentee return envelope for the Board’s review.

Chariman Durrah left the meeting at 5:40 pm; returning at 5:44 pm

Secretary Jourdan left the meeting at 5:53 pm; returning at 5:56 pm

Member Draper moved to approve the 430 approved ballots, to disapprove 30 ballots and 1 pending cure ballot; Secretary Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

26 ballots did not scan in the high-speed central counter due to tears and folds: all 26 were marked spoiled; the board members duplicated the 26 ballots that were spoiled and those were scanned through the high-speed central counter.

Member Doomy moved to approve the 1 pending cure ballot from October 4, 2022; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Doomy left the meeting at 7:22 pm; returning at 7:25 pm

Chariman Durrah left the meeting at 7:31 pm; returning at 7:45 pm

Board Members signed absentee voter reports for the approved and disapproved ballots.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

Member Doomy moved to adjourn; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Secretary

s:/Chad Doomy

Member

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member