

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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General Election Canvass Day

Meeting Called to Order

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the second floor meeting room on November 10, 2015. The meeting convened at 9:00 AM, Chairman Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Raymond; Secretary Russell; and Member El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Joyner; Chris Duffey; Monica Gary; Gail Harris; Carlton Morgan, Tracy Terry and Kimberly Stuck

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have three minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

Ann Wilson – 445 Marshall View Ct, Winston Salem, NC 27101

Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board addressed Ms. Wilson's comments regarding fair voting, sites and hours, and the position of closed sessions within the Board meetings.

Hand/Eye Audit

Interim Director Joyner provided guidelines for observance of the Hand/Eye audit process. Mr. Joyner and the Board welcomed Tracy Teal to Board of Elections. The purpose of the audit is statutory and is done to compare the number of actual paper ballots counted against the Election Night machine count. Precinct 014 – Beesons Crossroad's Fire Department 134 ballots, Absentee by mail – Clemmons Council (22 of 31 were Clemmon's ballots) were randomly chosen by the State Board of Elections for the hand/eye audit after the 2015 General

Election. After the ballots were removed from the sealed ballot boxes, a team of three employees completed the hand/eye audit. The team members marked each precinct reconciliation tally sheet with fence posting to record all votes. Each Precinct audit vote totals matched exactly with the Election Night report.

Approval of Absentee Ballots Returned

Ms. Gary recommended five absentee ballots for approval. Chairman Raymond moved; Member El-Amin motioned; Secretary Russell seconded the motion to accept the staff recommendation of five absentee ballots for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Provisional Ballots

Interim Joyner offered nine provisional ballots for review; five approved and four not approved due to jurisdiction, no registration, or removed status. Member El-Amin asked for clarification of jurisdiction; Mr. Joyner provided details on municipality versus unincorporated. Mr. Duffey added offered clarification to the GIS department and the process of locking Geocode prior to the election.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond called for approval of minutes. Chairman Raymond moved to approve minutes for October 13, 2015, October 27, 2015, and November 3, 2015; Chairman Raymond moved, Member El-Amin motioned and Secretary Russell seconded with minor changes to minutes from November 3, 2015 to approve provisional ballots as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Interim Director Joyner provided an overview of the election to the Board; noting the election went smoothly with most questions stemming from a write-in candidate in Clemmons; the State will handle going forward.

Member El-Amin inquired about the cost of the election; and what the associated costs were; Mr. Joyner noted each municipality has their own budget and the cost will be provided to the Board at the end of the fiscal year.

Board and staff discussed issues at Beeson Crossroad's Fire Department, Kernersville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and East Forsyth Middle School; Board and staff to inquire further to make determination as needed on sites. Chair noted that there had been record turnout without any complaints from the voters.

Adjournment

Chairman Raymond moved to adjourn meeting, Member El-Amin motioned, and Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Attachments on File: N/A