

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr.**  
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**John A. Redding**  
MEMBER



**Kathie Chastain Cooper**  
DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING- NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Present: Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair  
Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Secretary  
Mr. John A. Redding, Member

Staff: Mrs. Kathie Chastain Cooper, Director of Elections  
Mrs. Laura Gerardi-Dell, Deputy Director of Elections  
Mrs. Pamela Johnson, Administrative Assistant

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### Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

### Approval of Absentees

There were 203 absentees recommended for approval, 31 recommended for disapproval and 1 provisional. Mr. Elliott moved to approve 203 absentees and disapprove 31 and asked that post cards be sent to the military personnel whose absentee ballots were returned. Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Date and Time of Provisional Ballot Meeting

The Board discussed the time and date for meeting to go through all the provisional ballots from the General Election. Mr. Redding moved to meet at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Voting Equipment Certification

The Board was presented with a signed certification stating the punch card system has been tested, as well as the ES&S optical scan being tested at precinct 064. The Diebold optical scan system is scheduled to be tested tomorrow. Mr. Elliott moved to accept the certification (see attached). Mr. Redding seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Other Business

Mrs. Cooper stated that Bonnie Myers, Training Specialist, is able to print out test results from the online training. The printout shows the percentages of right and wrong answers. This can be used to target certain training issues. Mr. Elliott suggested giving certificates to the ones who pass the test.

Mrs. Cooper gave the Board a list of staff concerns regarding new voting equipment. She asked the Board to review the list (copy attached).

Mr. Elliott discussed the cover letters to State Senators Ham Horton, Jr., and Linda Garrou along with the draft copy of the minutes from October 25, 2005, stating the Board did not indicate any agreement to buy voting equipment from Advanced Voting Systems. Mr. Redding stated he did not think the email said the Board was going to buy their equipment.

The Board discussed their arrival time to the Board of Elections office on Election Day. They will arrive at approximately 7:00 AM.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Dell explained to the Board that Nan Wolfe of the Democratic Party was holding precinct worker training on Friday, November 4, 2005. Mrs. Dell received calls from precinct workers that had already attended the Board of Elections training asking why they needed to attend another training meeting. After researching the situation, Mrs. Dell learned the training was being held at the Democratic Party headquarters. Mrs. Cooper gave the Board a copy of an email from Gary Bartlett, Executive Director of Elections, State Board of Elections, stating the precinct workers could only receive precinct training from the Board of Elections and the parties can not conduct such training. The Board agreed a letter should be sent to both parties informing them they can not call a meeting for precinct training and that the scheduled training for Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> should be cancelled.

Mr. Redding moved to send a letter (see attached) to the Party Chairs. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and stated a letter should be sent to Nan Wolfe as well. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Redding stated a "cc" list should be shown at the bottom of the letter. The Board agreed the letter should be emailed to those who have email and followed up with a hard copy.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Redding moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

s:/ Mrs. Charles A. Cardwell, Jr., Chair

s:/ Mr. J. Eric Elliott, Member

s:/ Mr. John A. Redding, Member