

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Meeting Called to Order

A regular meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on February 16, 2016. The meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m., Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Lamar Joyner, and Kimberly Stuck

Other County Staff: Lonnie Albright – Assistant County Attorney
Shontell Robinson – Director of Human Resources

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 moved to forego the public comment session to expedite the agenda due to many topics on the agenda and training which is in progress; Secretary Russell motioned, Member El-Amin seconded motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Chairman Raymond announced motion from Member El-Amin to submit Tim Tsujii's name for consideration of the Director's position to the State Board of Elections. Secretary Russell seconded motion, adding that Mr. Tsujii is the current Deputy Director for Guilford County's Board of Elections and is an impressive candidate. Chairman Raymond provided a brief overview of Mr. Tsujii's education and qualifications.

Chairman Raymond deferred to Mr. Joyner for scheduling of absentee meetings. Mr. Joyner anticipating a heavy absentee count recommended starting the Election Day Absentee Meeting at 2 p.m. Mr. Joyner provided that 2 p.m. is the earliest time that the Board can meet and that it requires a resolution by the Board at least two weeks prior to meeting to modify the meeting time.

Member El-Amin asked for clarification on the last date to submit absentee ballots and Absentee Ballot Request forms. Interim Director Joyner provided March 8, 2016 for the last day to submit Absentee Ballot Request Forms and an overview of absentee request process.

Chairman Raymond offered to the Board a resolution to have the Election Day Absentee Meeting begin at 2 p.m.; and the remaining absentee meetings remain at the statutory time of 5 p.m. Member El-Amin seconded motion; Chairman Raymond moved to vote; **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond read for the public N.C.G.S. § 163-33.2 which states,

“Prior to each primary and general election the chairman and members of the county board of elections, in counties where voting machines are used, shall test vote, in a reasonable number of combinations, no less than ten percent (10%) of all voting machines programmed for each primary or election, such machines to be selected at random by the board after programming has been completed, and further, the board shall record the serial numbers of the machines test voted in the official minutes of the board. In the alternative, the board may cause the test voting required herein to be performed by persons qualified to program and test voting equipment.”

Chairman Raymond inquired about the testing process and if it was in progress. Mr. Joyner stated that Carlton Morgan as well as two assistants were testing the machines. Mr. Joyner offered that the assistants had previous testing experience via three election cycles and were temporary workers through The Resource. Mr. Joyner noted thus far, there have been no issues in the testing process. Secretary Russell asked if record was kept of the testing results, Mr. Joyner confirmed that the reports would be made available to the Board once testing was complete.

Member El-Amin thanked the public for coming and asked for their understanding of foregoing the public comment session, as there is an urgency to get a Director in place.

Interim Director Joyner addressed additional business; proposing Hand/Eye Audit be held on March 18, 2016 at 9 a.m. independent of Canvass; Mr. Joyner addressed the State Boards request to have Absentee List signed by the Board prior to election day; meeting to be at 5 p.m. on March 14, 2016.

Mr. Joyner also addressed the matter of East Forsyth Middle School; noting that voting will be held at the media center, as it has better access than the stage and that the relocation will be permanent. Chairman Raymond confirmed with Mr. Joyner that East Forsyth Middle School was not the location that prohibited voters from using the restrooms.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond moved for approval of minutes. Secretary Russell motioned to approve the minutes from January 21, 2016 with typographical changes, February 03, 2016, and February 11, 2016; Member El-Amin seconded motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond called for any other business; Secretary Russell noted that though new director was being put in place, he would like to thank Mr. Joyner and the staff for all that they have done in the interim of finding a new director. Chairman Raymond echoed Secretary Russell’s comments noting that the new Director will have the support of the Board and the Staff. Member El-Amin noted that Board would like to have an appreciation luncheon at a time that would be convenient for all.

Adjournment

Chairman Raymond moved to adjourn meeting; Secretary Russell motioned, Member El-Amin seconded motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chairman

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date