

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ken Raymond
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Secretary

Fleming El-Amin
Member



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS DAY

Meeting Called to Order

The 2014 Primary Election Canvass Day meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the elections storage room on May 13, 2014. The meeting convened at 11:00 AM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

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

Staff Members in attendance: Interim Director Lamar Joyner, Josh Chunn, Chris Duffey,
Jacob Wright
Other County Staff - Lonnie Albright

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members review the minutes of April 29 & May 6, 2014. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of April 29 & May 6, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots Returned

Mr. Joyner explained that state law requires that the supplemental absentee ballots received after Election Day but postmarked by Election Day are approved as timely transmitted. A postmark is required for approval of the supplemental absentee ballots. Mr. Chunn recommended 165 supplemental absentee ballots for approval and 40 supplemental absentee ballots for disapproval. Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to send a letter to voters with disapproved absentee ballots explaining the reason for disapproval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond made a motion to approve the staff recommendation of supplemental absentee ballots as presented and modified. **Motion carried unanimously.** Later, after the Hand/Eye Audit, Board members signed the Absentee Abstract of Votes and the Civilian and Military Certificate of Oath documents.

Approval of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Joyner explained the Provisional Voters Statistics by Result report showing 53 provisional ballots from the 2014 Primary Election. Staff recommended 33 provisional ballots for approval and 20 for disapproval. Reasons for disapproval were unincorporated voters and no registration. Voter registration and updates are processed from the provisional information. Member El-Amin made and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation for provisional ballots as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Hand/Eye Audit

Mr. Joyner suggested that the staff should conduct the mandatory hand/eye audit with the Board in attendance in the adjoining storage room. The purpose of the audit is to compare the number of actual paper ballots counted against the Election Night machine count. Precinct 031 – Rural Hall Elementary School (255 votes) for NC Supreme Court Associate Justice; Precinct 502 – Forest Park Elementary School (154 votes) for NC Supreme Court Associate Justice; were randomly chosen by the State Board of Elections for the hand/eye audit after the 2014 Primary 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.

Other Business

Mr. Albright presented the Board with Findings of Fact from the Voter Challenge Hearing of Everette Harris. Secretary Russell suggested some changes to the document for clarification. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to adopt the order as amended with changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond stated that he received a report from a voter involving a rude comment from precinct judge. Mr. Joyner stated that he had spoken with the voter and would contact precinct judge and make changes if necessary. The Board congratulated the staff on conducting a good election. Chairman made a motion that the meeting go into recess at 12:55 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting reconvened at 1:10 PM.

Mr. Albright amended the order of Findings of Fact for the Voter Challenge Hearing of Everette Harris. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to accept the order. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Certify Election Results

Member El-Amin made and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to certify the election results for the 2014 Primary Election. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board members signed the Abstract of Votes document which would be mailed to the NC State Board of Elections, Forsyth County Clerk of Superior Court and retained at the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

Adjournment

Member El-Amin made and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously** and the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Attachments on File: Provisional Voters Statistics by Voting Reasons, Provisional Voters Statistics by Result, 2014 Primary Election Abstract of Votes for State of North Carolina