



## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Video Conference Absentee Board Meeting Agenda**

**October 8, 2020 – 5 p.m.**

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments

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5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of Absentee Ballots
7. Pre-Processing of Absentee Ballots
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

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## Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020 – 5 p.m

### Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor Professional Development Center on October 8, 2020 at 5:08 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Danielle Malone, Carlton Morgan, Adam Clark, Kanitha Englebert, Abigail Hackworth, Evan Milligan, Holly Mathis, Suzanne Dorsett, Rosalyn Howard, Deborah Jordan, and Cristine Stundley

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

### Public Comment Session

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments. No comments.

### Approval of Minutes

Secretary Durrah asked for a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes. Member Loughridge moved to approve the October 6, 2020 meeting minutes; Chairperson Campbell Seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Other Business

Member Jourdan asked for any pending court cases updates. Director Tsujii replied that he did not receive any updates from the State Board of Elections at this time.

### Approval of Absentee Ballots

Ms. Gary announced that there are 1,387 Civilian and 21 military/overseas ballots to review. There will be a full report for the board members to sign.

Reviewing of the absentee ballots commenced at 5:13 pm.

Director Tsujii asked for the Board's direction in regards to two returned ballots. Item #1: A returned ballot contained a copy of a ballot, not the original ballot that was issued to them. The returned ballot container was properly signed, witnesses' signature and witnesses' address were complete. Item #2 was a returned ballot with proper signature, witness' signature and address were complete, but no completed ballot was in the returned ballot container.

Director Tsujii gave the board members options to consider. If a voter has done something to their ballot (erroneously marked the wrong candidate, damaged the ballot, etc), it is the responsibility of the voter to contact the Board of Elections office to spoil their ballot and another ballot would be sent to them.

Mr. Tsujii explained that there are voters who wishes to record that they participated in the Election event. They will go to their polling place and ask the elections officials to be confirmed as participating, but submit a blank ballot.

After discussion, the Board Members recommended the following: For Item #1, recommended to duplicate the copied ballot onto a replacement ballot. It will be treated as if it was a military/overseas ballot. For Item #2, the Board Members will accept the empty returned ballot as casting their votes. Member Jourdan approved the recommendations. Member Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Jourdan announced that the North Carolina State Board of Elections sworn in two new Republican State Board Members of Election.

Ms. Gary updated the board with new figures. As of today, the total Absentee Ballot Requests is 16,237 from Forsyth County registered voters. This number surpasses the 2016 General Election.

Ms. Gary updated the board with revised numbers: 1383 Civilian and 21 Military Overseas ballots. Chairperson Campbell asked for a motion to approve. Member Louthridge moved to approve; Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

For the Board's approval, Director Tsujii presented them with a list of observer names from the Democratic Party. Member Jourdan moved to accept all nine names, Secretary Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary Durrah moved to adjourn; Member Jourdan seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell  
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah  
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell  
Member

s/ John Loughridge  
Member

s/Catherine Jourdan  
Member