

August 27, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 1:00pm for an Absentee Meeting.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Bobby Swilley, Member
Irene Grimes, Member

Linda Devore, Secretary
Helen Nelson, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro and Vicki Hilburn

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order.

Vicki Hilburn presented the absentee report: 11 civilian and one overseas absentee ballot to be considered.

Hilburn presented two of the absentee ballots with issues for the Board to consider. On one of the absentee ballots the voter signed in the wrong location, and on another absentee ballot the notary did not fill out the voter's name in the area provided, however, both the voter and the notary signed the form properly.

Secretary Devore inquired about past precedent for irregularities such as these. We need to be consistent in how we treat our voters. Chairman Johnson agreed that precedent is important.

Director Robertson commented that they are normally approved, but each of these ballots is a decision for this Board.

Member Swilley commented that our job is to make sure that every voter who has taken to time to do this, their vote needs to count. An honest mistake needs to be viewed with the attitude of trying to approve.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to approve the ballot where the voter signed in the wrong place. Seconded and unanimous.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to approve the absentee ballot where the notary did not properly write the voter's name, but the voter signed the ballot properly. Seconded and unanimous.

ACTION : Member Swilley moved to approve the additional ten ballots presented. Seconded and unanimous.

Robertson stated that staff will bring irregularities to the Board each time for a decision.

Devore commented that we should be looking for any patterns of irregularities.

Director Robertson asked the Board to choose two precincts for machine certification. The Board chose Alderman and Eastover-1 precincts. Staff fed ballots into the machines, and Board members verified the printout tapes.

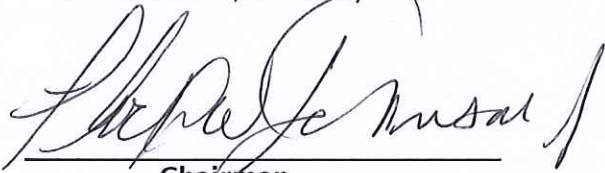
ACTION: Member Swilley moved that the Board certify the machines as presented.
Seconded and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49PM.

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary



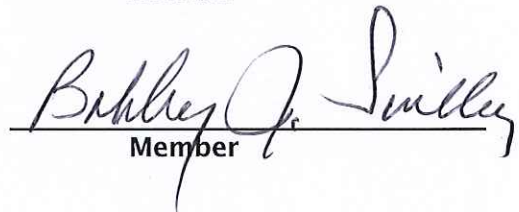
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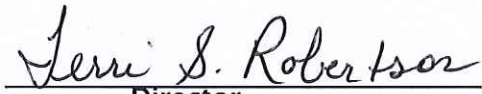
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