

November 14, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 5:00pm for an Absentee ballot 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 at 5:00PM and offered a statement of apology for allowing things to get out of hand at the last meeting and for interrupting. To help with this in the future, the chairman would like for each person to ask his permission to gain the floor before speaking.

Secretary Devore inquired why there has been hesitation by the chairman to recognize any board member to make a statement, as occurred at our last meeting.

Chair Johnson responded that he was trying to determine whether it was appropriate.

Chairman Johnson presented the Agenda.

ACTION: Member Nelson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

Vicki Hilburn reported that 19 absentee ballots have been received since our last meeting. 6 civilian ballots, 7 civilian overseas ballots, and 6 military ballots. 1 of the overseas and 5 of the military ballots were received by email and have been duplicated. All of the ballots are without irregularities and recommended by staff for approval.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to approve the 19 absentee ballots presented.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

Director Robertson provided an update on the NAACP lawsuit filed October 31, 2016, which has recently been settled on behalf of the county boards, by the State Board agreeing to pay the plaintiffs' attorneys' fees rather than the county boards.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to authorize the county attorney to sign the settlement agreement in the NAACP lawsuit, on behalf of this Board and our Director.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

Director Robertson reported that she received instructions today for submitting our early voting plans. We must submit both plans, which are not unanimous, and the board members voting for each plan must sign that plan document.

Board members agreed to consider the minority plan at our meeting on November 20th.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36PM.

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary

Chairman



Member

Director



Member

Member