

November 2, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office for a 9:00AM Absentee Meeting.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Irene Grimes, Member
Helen Nelson, Member [arr 2:35]

Linda Devore, Secretary
Bobby Swilley, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Vickie Hilburn

Guests: Live-feed available for members of the public.

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 9:00AM, and presented the Agenda.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Seconded and approved unanimously.

ACTION: Secretary Devore presented minutes of October 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30th meetings for approval.
Approved unanimously 4-0.

Director Robertson reported that 1750 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes without Witness Cure Affidavits, 25 with Witness Cure Affidavits, 209 Military Absentee Ballots, and 28 Overseas Absentee Ballots have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval.

Director Robertson reported that one additional Civilian Absentee Ballot envelope was received Today without a voter signature. Staff is attempting to contact voter.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to accept the 25 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes with Witness Cure Affidavits.
Seconded and approved 3-1 Devore against

Board Members randomly selected Absentee Ballot envelopes to spot check and confirm the voter signature, witness signature, and witness information. No irregularities were found.

Vickie Hilburn confirmed the ballot tabulator reading of 4306*.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to authorize staff to open the 1775 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes, 209 Military Absentee Ballots, and 28 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented, and proceed with any needed duplication of ballots.

Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

Chairman Johnson recessed the meeting at 12:53PM. Meeting resumed at 2:00PM

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve 1750 Civilian Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

209 Military Absentee Ballots were opened, duplicated as needed, and placed in the tabulator

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to approve 209 Military Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

28 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented were opened, duplicated as needed, and placed in the Tabulator.

Member Nelson joined the meeting at 2:35PM.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve 28 Overseas Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Total ballots approved at this point in the meeting: 2012

Tabulator total: 6318* [includes one Oct 26 spoiled ballot set aside to be reversed out on Election Day]

Cumulative Total Mail-in Absentee Ballots Approved: 21,828

Director Robertson reported that an administrative error prevented a voter from registering During early voting. Staff recommends that we allow the voter to complete their registration late.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to allow the Director to correct an administrative error by allowing the voter to complete registration.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson reported an additional 16,819 ballots were cast and accepted after the report received at our Friday meeting, including the Absentee Ballots approved and tabulated today.

Director Robertson reported additional Absentee Ballot envelopes received through 5:00PM today. 653 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes without Witness Cure Affidavits, 18 with Witness Cure Affidavits, 115 Military Absentee Ballots, and 21 Overseas Absentee Ballots.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to accept the 18 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes with Witness Cure Affidavits.
Seconded and passed. 4-1 Devore against

Members randomly selected Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes to spot check and confirm the voter signature, witness signature, and witness information. No irregularities were found.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to authorize staff to open the 671 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes, 115 Military Absentee Ballots, and 21 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented, and proceed with any needed duplication of ballots.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson reported the ballot tabulator reading of: 6318*[includes one Oct 26 spoiled ballot set aside to be reversed out on Election Day]

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to accept 653 Civilian Absentee Ballots without Witness Cure Affidavits recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

115 Military and 21 Overseas Absentee Ballots were opened, duplicated as needed, and placed in the tabulator.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to accept 115 Military and 21 Overseas Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Total ballots approved today: 2819 [2012+807]

Tabulator total: 7125* [includes one Oct 26 spoiled ballot set aside to be reversed out on Election Day]

Cumulative Total Mail-in Absentee Ballots Approved: 22,635

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2:00PM at the Board of Elections office.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Submitted by,

Linda Devore

Linda Devore, Secretary

Floyd Devore

Chairman

Bobby Devore

Member

Director

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Member

Helen d Nelson

Member