

November 13, 2020

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

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Irene Grimes, Member
Helen Nelson, Member

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

Staff: Vickie Hilburn

Guests: Rick Moorfield, County Attorney. Live-feed available for members of the public.

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

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

Director Robertson was sworn-in by Chairman Johnson to present evidence.

Challenge packets were distributed to Board Members with facts and documents developed by staff investigating the challenges brought by Chairman Johnson on behalf of the Board of Elections.

Director Robertson presented Death Certificates of eight voters whose Absentee Ballots were accepted by the Board. Letters were mailed to the name and address of registration notifying of this hearing. No responses were received.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to sustain the challenges of eight named voters who became deceased before Election Day.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson presented felon report abstracts for two voters whose Absentee Ballots were accepted by the Board. Letters were mailed to the name and address of registration notifying of this hearing, and the opportunity to respond to the voter Challenge. Neither voter responded.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to sustain the challenges of the two named voters who were reported by the State Board to be felons and ineligible to vote in this election.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Roberson presented voter registration evidence and records that four voters who requested and voted Absentee Ballots in this county also registered and voted in

another North Carolina county in this election. Letters were mailed to the voters at the address of their Cumberland County registration, notifying of the opportunity to respond to the Challenges. None of the voters responded.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to sustain the challenges of the four named voters who requested and voted Absentee Ballots in this county and also registered and voted in another county in North Carolina in this election. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson reported that an Absentee Ballot Request Form and returned Absentee Ballot Envelope with a voted ballot inside were received from a voter who also presented to vote in person to vote. When the voter was advised that an Absentee Ballot had already been received from him, he denied having voted, and requested a Provisional Ballot. Staff research indicates that the signature on the Absentee Ballot Request Form and return envelope do not appear to match the signature of the voter, but another member of his household. This challenge is to the Absentee Ballot, which the voter does not recall requesting or voting. A letter was mailed to the voter at his registration address notifying of this hearing, and the opportunity to respond. The voter has not responded to the letter.

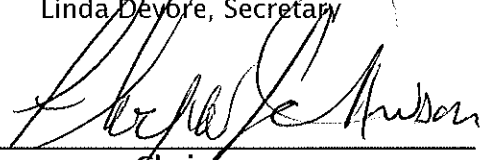
ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to sustain the challenge of the Absentee Ballot of the named voter. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 9:21AM.

Submitted by,



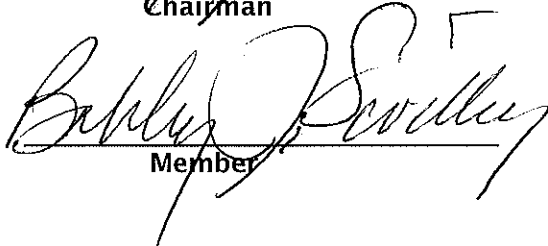
Linda Devore, Secretary



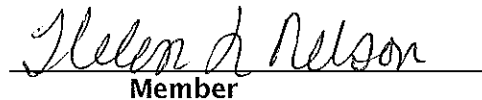
Chairman



Member



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Member

Director