

October 23, 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
Terri Robertson, Director

Linda Devore, Secretary
Helen Nelson, Member
Bobby Swilley, Member

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.

Director Robertson reported that 2 of the 16 Absentee Ballots with Witness Cure Affidavits approved at yesterday's meeting were from voters who have voted one-stop, so their Absentee Ballots cannot be tabulated, leaving 14 for tabulation today.

Director Robertson reported that 362 Absentee Ballot envelopes have been received without witness signatures, and in some cases also missing voter signatures. The ballots cannot be cured.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved that the 362 Absentee Ballots envelopes with missing witness and voter signatures not be approved, and that staff mail new ballots to the voters.
Seconded and passed unanimously 5-0

Board Members reviewed 5 Absentee Ballot envelopes that arrived with Cure Affidavits to address curable deficiencies.

Staff reported that, in addition to the Absentee Ballots with Cure Affidavits, 686 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes, 101 Military Absentee Ballots, and 19 Overseas Absentee Ballots have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval.

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

Director Robertson confirmed that the ballot tabulator currently reads 803.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to authorize staff to open the 686 Civilian, 101 Military, 19 Overseas Absentee Ballot envelopes, and 5 Absentee Ballots with Cure Affidavits presented, and proceed with any needed duplication of ballots. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

One Civilian Absentee Ballot envelope was discovered to not contain a ballot. Staff will mail a new ballot to the voter.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to approve 685 Civilian Absentee Ballots and 5 Absentee Ballots with Cure Affidavits recommended by staff without irregularities. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

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

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve 101 Military Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

19 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented were opened and duplicated as needed.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to approve 19 Military Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities. Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Total ballots approved today: 824

Tabulator total: 1627

Cumulative Total Mail-in Absentee Ballots Approved: 17,137

Director Robertson reported an additional 6366 ballots were cast and accepted after the report received at our Wednesday meeting and up to 3:00PM yesterday, including the Absentee Ballots approved and tabulated today.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26 at 9:00AM at the Board of Elections office.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23AM.

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary


Chairman
Member

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Billy J. Swilley
~~Director~~
MEMBER

Glenn Nelson
Member