

## August 04, 2022 Absentee Meeting Minutes

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Invocation - Member Baker

The absentee meeting was called to order on August 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections by the Chair.

**Present:** Helen Nelson - Chair (arrived 5:10)      Billy King - Member  
Linda Devore - Member                                      Irene Grimes - Secretary  
James Baker - Member

**Staff:** Angela Amaro, Vickie Hillburn, Bill Helms, Mitzie Roberts

**Guests:** Gerard Falls, Janene Ackles, Myron Pitts, Bishop McNeill, Mario Benavente, Sally Shutt

**ACTION:** Member King moves that the agenda be approved.

Second: Member Devore

Vote: Unanimous

Absentee Officer Hilburn presents 53 absentee ballots that have been received; 45 civilian and 2 military and 6 overseas.

There are also 3 absentee ballots that arrived on July 27, 2022 and were hand carried into the office by a postal employee who says they were found inside a postal facility and bear no postmark. Member Grimes requests that guidance be sought from the State Board as to how to handle these.

**ACTION:** Member Devore moves that the 53 absentee ballots received be approved as recommended by staff.

Second: Secretary Grimes

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Absentee Officer Hilburn reports that there are 30 provisional ballots. Recommendations from staff are that 6 not be approved, 9 be partially approved and 15 be fully approved.

**ACTION:** Secretary Grimes moves that the Board accept the recommendations of staff as it pertains to provisional ballots

Second: Member Devore

Vote: Unanimous in favor

**ACTION:** Member Devore moves that the total of 8 absentee ballots received after election day and without a postmark not be approved as recommended by staff.

Second: Member Baker

Vote: Pass (4 in favor, 1 abstain)

**ACTION:** Secretary Grimes moves that the 3 absentee ballots hand delivered by the postal employee after election day be tabled until tomorrow, awaiting guidance from the State Board.

Second: Member King

Vote: Pass (in favor: Grimes, King, Nelson; opposed: Baker, Devore)

**ACTION:** Member Devore moves that to rescind the previous action on the 8 absentee ballots without postmarks.

Second: Secretary Grimes

Vote: Unanimous in favor

**ACTION:** Member Devore moves to not approve the 4 hand delivered ballots without postmarks received after election day and the 2 received after election day in the regular mail without postmarks. absentee ballots without postmarks.

Second: Secretary Grimes

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Interim Director Amaro informs the Board that a letter of complaint has been received; letter states it was too hot inside a fire station bay for poll workers to be working there.

Member King inquires as to an update on vote counts as they relate to District 3 and District 7. Staff reports that nothing has changed in District 3, and that Council member Wright has gained one vote in District 7.

**ACTION:** Secretary Grimes moves that the Board enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Second: Member Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The Board moved into closed session at 5:59 p.m.

The Board returned into open session at 6:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Secretary Grimes

Second: Member Devore

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by,

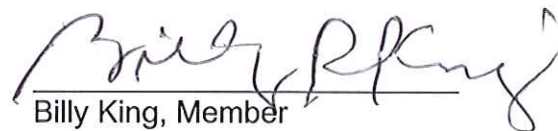


Irene Grimes, Secretary

  
Helen Nelson, Chair

  
James H. Baker, Member

  
Linda Devore, Member

  
Billy King, Member

