

November 17, 2022 Provisional & Absentee Meeting Minutes

Invocation - Member Baker

The meeting was called to order on November 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections board room by the Chair.

Present: Helen Nelson - Chair Irene Grimes - Secretary
 Linda Devore - Member James Baker - Member

Absent: Billy King - Member

Staff: Vicki Hillburn, Mitzie Roberts, Angie Amaro, Bill Helms

ACTION: Member Grimes moves that the Board approve the agenda.

Second: Member Devore

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Staff presents 559 absentee ballots and recommends that 117 be fully approved, 77 be partially approved and 365 not be approved. All provisional ballots have undergone multiple rounds of verification and checking.

ACTION: Member Grimes moves to fully 117 provisional ballots, partially approve 77 provisional ballots and not approve 365 provisional ballots, as recommended by staff.

Second: Member Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Absentee Officer Hillburn presents 843 absentee ballots (711 civilian, 97 Military and 35 Overseas) and recommends approval. Absentee Officer Hillburn reports that there are also 43 absentee envelopes not recommended for approval because they either arrived late, were not postmarked or not properly executed.

ACTION: Member Grimes moves to approve the absentee ballot envelopes as recommended by staff.

Second: Member Devore

Vote: Unanimous in favor

In opening the Absentee ballot envelopes, one is found to have the ovals filled in on the front of the ballot, and the office on the back are underlined; Director Amaro asks for a Board decision on this ballot.

ACTION: Member Grimes moves to approve the absentee ballot with the bubbles filled in but not the underlined races (i.e. to accept the ballot as presented)

Second: Member Baker

Vote: passes (in favor: Grimes, Baker, Nelson; abstain: Devore)

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the 43 ballots not recommended for approval by staff not be approved.

Second: Member Baker

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Adjournment

Motion: Member Devore

Second: Member Baker

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,



Irene Grimes, Secretary




Helen Nelson, Chair



James H. Baker, Member



Linda Devore, Member



Billy King, Member