

September 10, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 5:00pm for an Absentee Meeting.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Bobby Swilley, Member
Irene Grimes, Member

Linda Devore, Secretary
Helen Nelson, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro and Vicki Hilburn

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order.

Vicki Hilburn reported that an absentee ballot was brought to the window today that has an issue with the voter signature that clearly does not match our records. Wife of the voter made the absentee ballot request and delivered the ballot today. A call was made, and a message left for the voter. Also unable to contact witness. Today was the last day to receive a hand-delivered absentee ballot.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to disapprove the absentee ballot of Paul Eugene Smith. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Hilburn reported that another absentee ballot was hand-delivered today unsealed in a manila envelope, and without any witness signatures.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to disapprove the absentee ballot presented without any witness signatures. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Nelson inquired about any problems with voting equipment or voters at wrong precincts today.

Director Robertson reported that there have been many voters arriving today at the BOE who wanted to vote, but do not live in District 9. Their precinct was closed, so they came here.

Director Robertson reported that she has spoken with staff at the State Board about the concern with dates on absentee ballots being missing or inconsistent, or a voter signing on the wrong line, or a notary failing to write the voter name. SBOE suggests that unless we see something

suspicious, or a pattern, we err on the side of the voter. The SBOE is planning a re-design of the absentee ballot envelope which should be helpful in minimizing these issues in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Submitted by,

Linda Devore

Linda Devore, Secretary

Robert J. Puskas
Chairman

Helen A. Nelson
Member

Jane C. Frime
Member

Bobby J. Smiley
Member

Terri S. Robertson
Director