

## September 3, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 1:00pm for an Absentee Meeting.

<b>Present:</b>	Floyd Johnson, Chairman	Linda Devore, Secretary
	Bobby Swilley, Member	Helen Nelson, Member
	Irene Grimes, Member	Terri Robertson, Director
<b>Staff:</b>	Angie Amaro and Vicki Hilburn	

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order.

Vicki Hilburn reported that 1026 votes have been cast at one-stop locations through Friday 5:00PM. 12 civilian and one overseas absentee ballot presented for consideration at today's meeting.

Four of the absentee ballots have issues for the Board to consider. The ballots are missing dates. One of the ballots does not have a signature date for the voter or either of the witnesses. Another ballot has a date three days earlier for one witness than the dates of the other witness and the voter. That same witness has the date wrong on one of the other ballots. The other two are only missing one date.

Member Swilley commented that we need to look at the intent of the voter, who must go to a lot of effort to request and receive a ballot. We need to decide the intent of the voter.

Member Swilley asked Director Robertson to describe the process for requesting an absentee ballot. The absentee request must be signed by the voter.

Secretary Devore commented that the ballot with no dates is a concern, and she does not agree to accept the undated absentee ballot.

**ACTION:** Member Grimes moved to approve all 13 of the absentee ballots presented. Seconded and approved 4-1.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22PM.

Submitted by,

*Linda Devore*

Linda Devore, Secretary

*Philip W. Johnson*

Chairman

*Robert Johnson*

Member

*Jane C. Grimes*

Member

*Bobby J. Spidley*

Member

*Terri S. Robertson*

Director