August 11, 2022 Recount Meeting Minutes

Invocation - Mr. King

The canvass meeting was called to order on August 11, 2022 at 09:00 a.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections by Member Devore.

Present:

Billy King - Member

Linda Devore - Member

James Baker - Member

Absent:

Helen Nelson - Chair, Irene Grimes - Secretary

Staff:

Angela Amaro, Vickie Hillburn, Bill Helms

Guests:

Rick Moorefield

County Attorney Moorefield briefs the board as to the status of the "Vote Yes Petition". He says he has questions pending with the State Board of Elections as to the process and forms; he has not received an answer yet.

He also explains that his situation is unusual as most petitions are addressed to the Board of Elections (the Board of Elections must take actions on these); however petitions pertaining to the City Charter are addressed to the City Council (so the City Council must take action).

The Interim Director has received a question from the City Attorney on whether this is a valid petition; Mr. Moorefield recommends that the Cumberland County Board follow the guidance form the State Board which is that whether this petition is valid is a decision for the City Council to make.

Member Devore inquires of the County Attorney whether the County Board's involvement is limited to the verification of signatures. Mr. Moorefield says that that is the advice that he received from State Board Legal. Mr. Moorefield reiterates that this is a City issue".

Mr. Moorefield says he will write a letter for the Interim Director to respond to the County Attorney's question on the validity of the petition.

Recount Results:

One Stop:	Benavente	346	Jones	399
Absentee	Benavente.	11	Jones.	15
Cross Creek 9:	Benavente	274	Jones	210
Cross Creek 519	Benavente	0.	Jones	0
Cross Creek 33	Benavente	101	Jones	73
Cross Creek 3	Benavente	0	Jones	4
Cross Creek 17	Benavente	74	Jones	67
Cross Creek 16	Benavente	99	Jones	80
Manchester	Benavente	2	Jones	0
West Area 1	Benavente	50	Jones	66

West Area 2

Benavente 59 Jones 96

Total:

Benavente 1,016

Jones 1,010

No changes to the City Council District 3 race.

ACTION: Member Devore moves to accept the result of the recount which resulted in no

change to the race. Second: Member King Vote Unanimous in favor

Adjournment

Motion:

Second:

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Grimes, Secretary

Helen Nelson, Chair

Linda Devore, Member

James H. Baker, Member

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