

Cumberland County Board of Elections Board Meeting November 4, 2024, 5:00 pm

Board Members in attendance were Chair Grimes, Member Edmonds, Member Baker, Member Devore, Member King

Staff in attendance are Director Amaro, Deputy Director Hilburn

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 5:07 pm.

Discussion of approval of absentees moved to November 5, 2024.

Action: Member Devore moves to recess meeting until 12 noon Nov 5, 2024, after other business has been discussed. (second by Member Edmonds) Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to approve the agenda (second by Member King) Vote is unanimous in favor.

Discussion of appointing chief judges; Nelson at Hope Mills 1 A and Kelly at Cross Creek 23-2

Action: Member Edmonds moves to approve 2 chief judges provided by director. Vote is unanimous in favor.

Chair recesses meeting at 5:20 pm November 4, 2024, until November 5, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

November 5, 2024 reconvene meeting.

Chair calls meeting back to order at 12:00 pm November 5, 2024.

Board Members in attendance were Chair Grimes, Member Edmonds, Member Baker, Member Devore, Member King

Staff in attendance are Director Amaro, Deputy Director Hilburn

Rick Moorefield, County Attorney present.

Discussion of timeliness of observer list from Republican Party on November 4, 2024.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to follow the law concerning the nonacceptance and timeliness of the observer list received after the deadline of 12:00 pm. (second by Member King) Vote passes 3-2; for: Grimes, King, Edmonds; against: Devore, Baker.

Staff Shameerah Dixon gives absentee report: 1165 Civilian ballots, 219 ballots that have exception forms, 523 Military ballots (duplication completed), hold off on Overseas ballot numbers.

Board reviews ballots with exception forms.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to accept 218 ballots received with exception forms. (second by Member Devore) Vote is unanimous. (One envelope did not contain a ballot.)

Action: Member Devore moves to not accept one ballot with exception form where signature does not look similar on ballot affidavit and exception form. (second by Member Baker) Vote does not pass 2-3; Not accepting ballot Devore, Baker; Accepting ballot Edmonds, Gore, King.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to accept one ballot with exception form where signature does not look similar to ballot affidavit. (second Member King) Vote passes 3-2; for Grimes, Edmonds, King; against: Devore, Baker.

Total ballots with exception forms accepted and approved: 219

Staff Shameerah Dixon gives report of overseas ballots: Total 124 Overseas ballots. 116 received electronically and duplicated; 8 received by mail.

Action: Member Devore moves to accept 124 overseas ballots. (second by Member Edmonds) Vote is unanimous in favor.

Adjust motion to overseas ballots from 124 to 125. DS850 total reading 344

Action: Member Edmonds moves to accept 523 military ballots (second by Devore, Baker, King) Vote is unanimous in favor.

Member King left for the day.

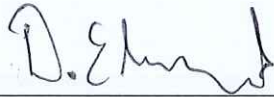
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Director Amaro reports that the NC State board recommends the board to approve the 2018 total absentee ballots ran through the DS850 tabulator and the board figure out the discrepancies later. Director suggested to meet November 14 at 8:00am to work out the discrepancy.

Members Devore and Edmonds duplicate ballots from the emergency bins of the early voting sites. (13 Spring Lake, 1 Cliffdale, 24 East Regional) All duplicated ballots were fed into the corresponding tabulators for each Early Voting site. All DS200 machines were closed, and tapes ran.

All Early Voting tapes signed by board members: Grimes, Edmonds, Devore, Baker.

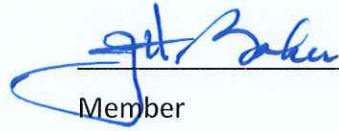
Meeting broke up at approximately 1:00 am November 6, 2024. No motion or vote to adjourn.



Secretary




Chair



Member



Member



Member