Cumberland County Board of Elections Absentee Meeting Sept 16, 2025

Invocation was offered by Member Johnson.

Present:

Linda Devore, Chair

Bree Eldridge, Secretary (by phone)
Irene Grimes, Member

Ryan Johnson, Member

Derek Edmonds, Member

Staff:

Angie Amaro, Director

Shameerah Dixon

Josh Dovi

Meeting was called to order by Chair Devore at 9:30 AM, and agenda presented.

Chair Devore reviewed the process for designating the list of Judges and Chief Judges for Early Voting.

Director Amaro reported the list of those working: Pauline Hart, Char Nielsen, Sweta Kasari, Mia Garcia, Leslie Blue. All have served previously.

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to approve the agenda. Second by Johnson. Unanimous.

4-0 (Edmonds not yet arrived).

Dixon presented for board consideration 2 civilian absentee ballots, 1 military absentee received electronically, and 3 overseas absentee ballots received electronically, and recommended by staff for approval.

Also, there is one absentee ballot received by mail that appears to have a document (possibly an Exception Form) inside the container enveloped. The ID in the outside envelope is expired out of state. Opened and Exception Form found. This ballot will be presented at next meeting for consideration.

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ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to approve the 2 civilian absentee ballots. Second by

Edmonds. Unanimous 4-0. (Eldridge unable to view and vote).

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to approve 1 military absentee ballot submitted

electronically. Second by Edmonds. Unanimous 4-0. (Eldridge unable to view and

vote).

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to approve the 3 overseas absentee ballots submitted electronically. Second by Edmonds. Unanimous 4-0 (Eldridge unable to view and vote).

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Chair Devore gave a follow-up report on the Memorandum of Understanding discussions with the County, specifically identifying the counties closest in population and number of registered voters to Cumberland to initiate pay and job classification comparisons.

Director Amaro reported several precinct officials' resignations:

Charles Harlow, MR2
Thomas Bona, Cedar Creek (declined appointment)
Joe Deaton and Chris Vallery, CC23-2
Wayne Shephard, Black River (age related)
Michael Moskal, CL57-1, unavailable 2025 only
Reginald Jones, AU-02, unavailable 2025 only
Gary Davis, CC14, unavailable November only
Craig Hanson, SP02, unavailable November only

Josh Dovi reported that machine certifications using test decks of October ballots were conducted for all machines for the October primary beginning August 21, and continued for 3 days. 55 Election Day machines, 1 Early Voting machine, Absentee machine, 1 Provision machine, and 1 transfer machine was tested.

Director Amaro reported that tabulator certifications for November early voting cannot begin until after primary Canvass on October 14th, and must be complete by the next day to deliver to the early voting sites. Early voting begins on the 16th.

Josh Dovi conducted a machine certification demonstration of CC08 for board members.

ACTION:

Member Grimes moved to certify the DS200 tabulators for the October primary.

Second by Edmonds. Unanimous 5-0.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 23 at 9:30AM at the Board of Elections office.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda M Eldridge Secretary

Chair Linda Devore

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Member Irene Grimes

Member Derek Edmonds

Member Ryan Johnson