

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
Chair

**Michael Flatow**  
Secretary

**Jonathan S. Dills**  
Member



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS DAY

### Call to Order

The 2012 General Election Canvass Day meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on November 16, 2012. The meeting convened at 9:26 AM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Linda Sutton, Secretary Michael Flatow, Member Jonathan Dills (by teleconference)

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Deputy Director Lamar Joyner, Joshua Chunn, Chris Duffey, Judy Speas, Jacob Wright

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton requested that the Board Members review the minutes of November 6, 2012. Secretary Flatow moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2012. **Motion carried.**

### Absentee Ballot Report

Mr. Chunn recommended 811 supplemental absentee ballots for approval and 11 supplemental absentee ballots for disapproval in the General Election weekly report. Supplemental absentee mailed ballots are approved if postmarked by the day of the Election and received by three days after the Election. Board members examined and reviewed the reasons for the disapproved absentee ballots. Secretary Flatow asked for a report comparing the percentage of rejected absentee ballots to the total absentee ballots issued. Secretary Flatow moved and Chairman Sutton seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation of 811 supplemental approved absentee ballots and 11 supplemental disapproved absentee ballots. **Motion carried.**

### Hand/Eye Audit

Chairman Sutton suggested that the staff should conduct the mandatory hand/eye audit while the Board members were in attendance in the adjoining storage room. The purpose of the audit is to compare the number of actual Election Day paper ballots against the report total. Precinct 502 – Forest Park Elementary School (309 votes) and Precinct 606 – Philo Middle School (497 votes) were randomly chosen by the State Board for the hand/eye audit after the General Election. The ballot item chosen to be audited was the office of President and Vice President. The ballots were removed from the sealed ballot boxes. Two tables with teams of three workers each were assembled to complete the hand/eye audit. Both teams marked each precinct reconciliation tally sheet with fence posting to record all votes. Precinct 502 had a difference of plus one in the hand/eye audit while Precinct 606 vote totals matched exactly with the General Election report.

### Incident Reports

Board members reviewed the Election Day Incident Reports from the Election Day precincts and call center. The Incident Reports would be a valuable problem solving tool for the State Board of Elections.

**Provisional Ballot Reports**

Board members examined the General Election Provisional Ballot Reports which showed results for 582 approved provisional ballots, 210 partially approved provisional ballots and 302 disapproved provisional ballots. The disapproval categories of the provisional ballots were explained. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation of provisional ballots. **Motion carried.**

**Processing of Ballots**

Board members checked for discrepancies on copies of the electronically transmitted absentee ballots. Afterwards, board members supervised the tabulation procedure of the pre-processed absentee and provisional ballots on the M650 ballot counter.

**Certification of General Election**

Board members examined the 2012 General Election Abstract of Votes document after all additional ballots were processed. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to certify the 2012 General Election results to be official. **Motion carried.** Board members signed the Abstract of Votes document which would be mailed to the NC State Board of Elections, the Clerk of Superior Court and retained at the county board of elections for the official results of the Election.

**Adjournment**

Secretary Flatow moved and Chairman Sutton seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Approved:

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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Michael Flatow, Secretary

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Jonathan S. Dills, Member

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**Attachments of File:** 2012 General Election Official Results; 2012 General Election Provisional Voters Statistics by Voting Reasons