



**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING TO RE-CANVASS
BOARD MEETING**

Agenda

November 23, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Board of Elections will hold an emergency meeting today, November 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to re-canvass for the November 3, 2020 general election. This meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public may join the meeting by clicking on this link <https://meet.google.com/dtj-myfu-szk>.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Review and Disposition of Ballots
3. Re-certification of Election Results
4. Re-Canvass Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Canvas Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order on the 4th floor of the Forsyth County training room on November 23, 2020 at 4:28 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah, Member Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Adam Clark, Monica Gray, Danielle Malone, John Benson and Kanitha Davis-Englebert

Review and Disposition of Ballots

Director Tsujii reported to the Board that during the finalization of the post-election audit process that allows the staff to update the voter's history, it was concluded that 11 voters had voted twice. The staff retrieved all 11 ATV forms (Authorization to Vote) for signature comparisons. All 11 signatures matched the voter registration history documents. One voter voted at two separate precincts. The remaining voters had voted by absentee by-mail and then went to cast a ballot in person. Director Tsujii passed the voter's ATV forms and registration information to the Board members for review. He informed the Board that they can move to cancel the absentee ballots for the 10 voters and that their Election Day ballot would still be counted. Member Russell moved to agree that the 11 voters voted twice; seconded by Member Jourdan. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.** Member Russell moved to retrieve and disapprove the 10 absentee ballots; seconded by Member Jourdan. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Chairperson Campbell asked if more investigation would be conducted for the voters who voted twice. Director Tsujii explained that the State Board of Elections Investigation Division will proceed with handling the investigation.

Director Tsujii reported that due to the previous investigation, all provisional ballots were re-checked and the staff discovered 13 provisional ballots that should re-dispositioned. The Board initially disapproved these 13 provisional ballots. Two of the 13 retrieved provisional ballots were missing signatures. Director Tsujii explained that the voters should have been identified earlier to remedy the situation. The State Board of Election Numbered Memo 2018-05 gives directive to allow for the County Board of Elections to determine the disposition of provisional ballots without the voter's signature. Member Russell moved to reject one provisional ballot where the voter failed to signed and properly fill out the form; Member Loughridge seconded. Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah and Member Jourdan opposed. **Motion failed 2-3.**

Member Russell moved to reject another provisional ballot because the voter's signature was missing on the provisional form. Member Loughridge seconded. Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah and Member Jourdan opposed. **Motion failed 2-3.**

Secretary Durrah moved to accept the 3 partials and 10 fully approved provisional ballots; Member Jourdan seconded. Members Russell and Loughridge opposed. **Motion carried 3-2.**

The Board of Elections staff proceeded to perform manual edits.

Member Russell moved for a five minute recess; Member Loughridge seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Board recessed at 6:55 p.m.

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting back to order at 7:12 p.m.

Director Tsujii announced that Deputy Director Bobadilla had one last review for the Board. During the recess, Director Bobadilla reported that the staff was able to identify 5 additional ballots for the Board to review. Member Russell moved to approve four of the five provisional ballots; Member Loughridge seconded. Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah and Member Jourdan opposed. **Motion failed 2-3.** Secretary Durrah moved to accept the two partials and three full provisional ballots; Member Jourdan seconded. Members Russell and Loughridge opposed. **Motion carried 3-2.**

Secretary Durrah left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

Director Tsujii asked the Board members to sign the Re-Canvassing Results report.

Member Russell moved to certify the results, less the absentee ballots received after November 6, less the cured absentee ballots and less the provisional ballot that did not have the voter's signature and form properly filled out; Member Loughridge seconded. Chairperson Campbell, Secretary Durrah and Member Jourdan opposed. **Motion failed 2-3.**

Secretary Durrah moved to certify the results as indicated in the final tabulation reports; Member Jourdan seconded. Members Russell and Loughridge opposed. **Motion carried 3-2.**

Canvass Meeting Adjournment

Chairperson Campbell thanked the staff for their hard work and long hours. Director Tsujii thanked the Board for their support. Member Russell moved to adjourn the Canvass meeting; Member Loughridge Durrah seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell

Chair

s/ Robert Durrah

Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell

Member

s/ John Loughridge

Member

s/Catherine Jourdan

Member