

Cumberland County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

November 12, 2024

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

Staff in attendance are Director Amaro, Deputy Director Hilburn and Board Attorney Nelson.

The invocation was offered by Member King.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:00 am.

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

8 deceased challenged voters

Action – *Member Devore moves to challenge Thomas Furmage – 10/21 Deceased Absentee Voter. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor; moves to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves to challenge Dennis Bridges – 10/27 Deceased Early voting Voter, voted on 10/17 (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes.*

Action: *Member Baker moves to challenge Patricia Black – 10/27 deceased civilian absentee ballot (seconded Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes.*

Action: *Member Baker moves to challenge Virginia Simpson – Civ abs – 10/29 deceased (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes*

Action: *Member Baker moves to challenge Terrance Maher – 10/14 deceased, civ abs. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes*

Action: *Member Baker moves to challenge Alice Royal – civ abs – 10/22 deceased (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes.*

Action: *Member Baker moves to challenge Evelyn Godwin – civ 10/16 deceased (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes*

Action: *member Baker moves to challenge Gary Hopkins – civ 10/09 deceased. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor and to direct staff to remove ballot and not count votes.*

2 felons voted during early voting

Action: Member Baker moves to challenge Morgan Esau not lawfully entitled to cast ballot board move to hold hearing to see if ballot needs to be challenged– still on probation (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Action: Member Baker moves to challenge Deandre White -not lawfully entitled to cast ballot, hold hearing to challenge ballot. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

2 voters that voted twice during early voting

Action: Member Baker moves to consider hearing for Zyneisha Oglesby latter of the 2 ballots cast, hold hearing to challenge ballot. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Voter voted at Spring Lake early in voting period – then later in the voting period – Voter called, and Director spoke with her she could not find herself registered and that she had voted.

Action: Member Baker moves to consider hearing for Renee Freeman Jackson Battle's latter of the 2 ballots cast, hold hearing to challenge ballot based on findings of fact. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Voter completed a Same Day registration – Smith Rec Center – not a citizen – reached out to SBOE – speak to voter – Director has spoken to voter he states he is a legal resident not a citizen.

Action: Member Baker moves to consider hearing for Abijah Simms is a legal resident and not a citizen hold hearing to challenge voter based on findings of fact. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Provisional – voter voted under his name during early voting – spoke with attorney – challenge original ballot - provisional ballot for registered voter voted on election day

Alex Evans- early voting ballot being challenged allegedly someone not this voter voted on his record.

Action: Member Baker moves to consider hearing for Alex Evans based on evidence provided to challenge ballots. seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Member Grimes reports a death of a voter before election day, Marlene Bridvig.

Member King moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Edmonds

Board moved to recess for 15 minutes will reconvene at 9:15am.

9:11 am reconvene

Director not able to obtain a death certificate for Marlene Bridvig.

Action: Member Devore recess meeting. Seconded by Member Edmonds @9:20am – reconvene @ 3:00pm.

Meeting was reconvened at 3:00pm

Email from State 7 felons that need to be challenged

Action: Member Devore moves to challenge the ballots of 7 voters (Bobby McElvine, Brandon Butler, Shaniya McPhaul, Andre Roach, Christopher Booher, Ander Wright and Haywood Pelle) who have felony records on list provided by SBOE. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous- hearing will be held prior to canvass.

2 voters that voted absentee and voted election day

Action: Member Devore moves to challenge the 2 voters (Joseh Fields, Kenneth Goodwin) who voted by absentee and election day. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous – hearing will be held prior to canvass.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Derek Edmonds – 





