

Cumberland County Board of Elections
Board Meeting (Absentee & Provisional)
November 14, 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 Staff Shameerah Dixon.

The invocation was offered by Member James Baker.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:00 pm.

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

DS850 reading: 5696

Staff member Dixon presents 742 civilian absentee ballots without issues, 298 absentees with ID exceptions, 466 military (73 by mail, 393 by email) and 74 overseas ballots (2 by mail and 72 by email).

Action: *Member Devore moves to approve 297 civilian ballots with ID exceptions as recommended by staff. (second by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.*

Action: *Member Devore moves to not approve 1 of the civilian ballots with ID exception. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is 3-2, motion does not carry.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves to approve the 1 civilian ballot with ID exception. (seconded by Member King). Vote is 3-2, motion carries.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves to approve the 742 civilian ballots as recommended by staff. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves not to approve 2 of the 742, with no ballot in the envelope. Vote in unanimous in favor.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves not to approve 1 of the 742 without a voter signature on the envelope. Vote is unanimous in favor.*

Action: *Member Devore moves to approve the 74 overseas ballots as recommended by staff. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.*

Action: *Member Edmonds moves to approve the 466 military ballots as recommended by staff. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.*

Absentees approved and uploaded at meeting: 1577

Meeting recessed by Chair Grimes at 7:49.

Meeting reconvened at 8:26.

DS200 reading: 2219

Director Amaro presented the provisional report. 93 provisional ballots with exception forms pending for Board decision, 442 recommended for full approval, 1985 not recommended for approval and 208 recommended for partial approval.

Action: Member Devore moves to approve 83 absentee ballots with exception forms without issues.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve 1 provisional voter that resides in Minnesota. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor

Action: Member King moves to approve provisional voter that stated they were in a natural disaster with a Hope Mills address. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is 3-1, Baker did not vote, motion carries.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to approve 1 provisional voter that resides in Fayetteville, but, stated on provisional they were in a natural disaster. (Seconded by Member King). Vote is 3-2, motion carries.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve 1 provisional where the voter has not received their ID. (seconded by Member King). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve provisional ballot without a box checked on the exception form.(seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote was 4-1, motion carries.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve 1 provisional voter that is a Henderson resident. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to approve 1 provisional with exception forms inside the envelope. (seconded by Member Devore). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to not approve the provisional where the voter is registered in Cumberland County but resides in Wilmington. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to approve the 442 provisional ballots for full approval as recommended by staff. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is 3-2, motion carries.

Action: Member Edmonds moves to not approve 1 provisional ballot of the 442 without a ballot inside the envelope. Unanimous in favor

Action: Member Devore moves to have the full provisional report with breakdown of votes. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is 3-2, motion does not carry.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve the 1977 provisionals as recommended by staff for not counted. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Devore moves to approve the 208 recommended for partial counting by staff. (seconded by Member Edmonds). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Devore moves to not approve 1 of the 208 partially county provisionals with no ballot inside. Unanimous in favor.

Action: Member Devore moves to instruct the staff to upload the absentees. (seconded by Member Baker). Vote is unanimous in favor.

Chair Grimes recessed the meeting at 10:29 pm and will reconvene at 9:00 am on November 15, 2024.

Meeting resumed 9:18 AM, November 15th.

Action: Motion to approve 77 provisional ballots with exception forms. Unanimous in favor.

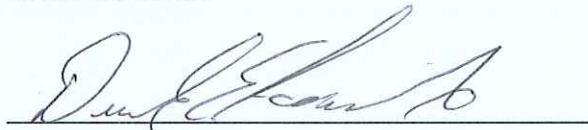
DS200: 725 provisionals

Director Amaro reported that 10 election day ballots, as well as same-day registrations have not yet been retrieved.

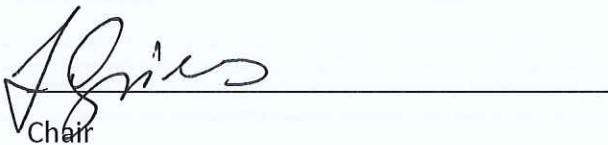
Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Derek Edmonds –



Secretary



Chair



Member



Member



Member