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**Minutes
March 15, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.**

Present: Kathy Knight, Chair
Bob Randall, Secretary
Jamie Cox, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Call to order: Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order.

The Board received comment from one-stop voter Alice McCall-Smith who reported that she did not believe she received the correct ballot. She stated that she received a ballot with both Democrat and Republican candidates for president. Ms. Knight made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to unseal and retrieve the ballot voted by Ms. McCall-Smith to alleviate any questions or concerns as to the proper voted ballot. The motion was unanimous. The Board and director scanned the ballots looking for her assigned ballot. Mr. Randall retrieved the ballot. The ballot was reviewed by the voter and she stated that she did recognize the ballot as the ballot she voted. The Board re-sealed the ballots.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- One-Stop Ballots Cast Report
- Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast Report

One-Stop Ballots Cast Report:

The director reported that a total of 19,989 one-stop ballots have been cast. Totals by site are BOE – 3,866, Carrboro – 5,055, Chapel of the Cross – 5,477, Efland – 816, New Hope – 913 and Seymour – 3,862.

Absentee By-Mail Report:

The director reported that there were 58 overseas, 8 military and 328 civilian ballots cast for which approval is recommended. There are 5 ballots for which rejection is recommended due to insufficient witness information. Those whose ballots are recommended to be rejected have either been re-issued or have been contacted.

Board Actions:

Mr. Randall made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the 19,989 one stop ballots cast. The motion was unanimous. The Board tabulated and signed the results tapes for the one-stop sites that shall be certified at Canvass.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to reject 5 absentee ballots due to lack of witness information. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve 58 overseas, 8 military and 328 civilian absentee by-mail ballots received to date. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the application envelopes and the ballots were inserted into the DS200 tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 743.

The Board unanimously agreed to ask staff to record write-in votes to be reported at Canvass.

The Board certified and signed the absentee abstracts that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elections as required. Absentee results shall be held and released at 7:30 p.m.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed their observations while visiting their assigned precincts. The Board asked the director to schedule a meeting with the chief judges and the Board so that they may provide feedback on any concerns or issues they encountered on Election Day.

The Board agreed to discuss the one-stop early voting sites for the June 7 Primary election at their next meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: March 18 – 8:30 am