

**Orange County Board of Elections
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**Minutes
March 18, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.**

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

Also present: Madeline Levine, Angelica Mitchell, Bob Hall and Allison Riggs

Call to order: Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order. There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Sample Audit Count: Dogwood Acres and Northside
- Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received to Date
- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast

Sample Audit Count:

The director reported that the State Board of Elections selected Dogwood Acres and Northside Precincts for the sample audit count.

Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director reported that there were 33 overseas, 2 military and 113 civilian supplemental absentee by-mail ballots cast for which approval is recommended. There are 4 ballots for which rejection is recommended due to insufficient witnesses. There is 1 ballot in pending status due to civilian voter emailed his ballot instead of sending hard copy as required. He has been contacted. Request to hold until canvass to provide time for voter to return hard copy.

Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:

The director presented staff's recommendation to fully count 121, partially count 29 and reject 210 provisional ballots. There are 3 provisionals in pending status due to voters not complying and providing additional proof of ID as required on reasonable impediment form. Request to hold those and all others who indicated "no acceptable ID" to allow time for voter to present acceptable ID prior to Canvass.

Board Actions:

The Board conducted the sample audit count for Dogwood Acres and Northside Precincts. The ending hand-eye count was the same as the original machine count that shall be reported to the State Board of Elections.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to reject 4 ballots due to lack of witness information. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve 33 overseas, 2 military, and 113 civilian supplemental absentee by-mail ballots received. 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 148.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to fully count 121 provisional ballots and to partially count 29. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the envelopes to be fully counted and the provisional ballots were inserted into the tabulator with an ending count of 121. The partially counted provisionals will be counted at Canvass.

Mr. Randall made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to reject 210 provisional ballots due to no record of registration and/or out of county residence. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to conduct one-stop early voting at the BOE office and the Seymour Senior Center for the June 7 Primary Election. Hours will be discussed at the April 5 meeting.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the meeting with the chief judges and requested that the director look at current budget to see if funds are available to provide pizza at an April meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: March 22 – 9:30 pm