

**Orange County Board of Elections
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**Minutes
March 22, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.**

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

Also present: Margaret White for Canvass

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:

- Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received
- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast

Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director reported that there were 38 civilian and 1 overseas supplemental absentee by-mail ballots received for which approval is recommended. There are 2 ballots for which rejection is recommended due missing signature and improper party ballot.

Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:

The director reported that a total of 487 provisional ballots were cast. The recommendation for this meeting is to approve 1 pending provisional ballot for which voter brought in photo ID.

Staff's final recommendation is to fully count 123, partially count 29 and to reject 335. There were a total of 108 provisional ballots cast due to "no photo ID" presented and the voters did not return to BOE to provide the required photo ID.

The director reported that Debbie counted the provisional envelopes approved at the last meeting and noted that there were 122 envelopes. The ending count on tabulator was 121. Jamie and Kaylor noted in the last meeting that there may have been an envelope that was returned empty.

Board Actions:

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to reject 2 supplemental absentee by-mail ballots due to lack of signature and improper party ballot. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve 38 civilian and 1 overseas supplemental absentee by-mail ballots received by the deadline. 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 187.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to fully count 1 provisional ballot. The Board reviewed the 29 partially counted ballots approved at the last meeting to ensure all contests voted were properly marked. The Board opened the envelopes and the provisional ballots were inserted into the tabulator with an ending count of 151.

Mr. Cox made a motion to disenfranchise 108 voters of Orange County by rejecting their provisional ballots, which are otherwise qualified to vote, for lack of photo ID. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

Ms. Knight made a motion to reject 108 provisional ballots for not showing an acceptable photo ID and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board certified and signed the supplemental absentee abstracts that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elections as required.

The Board reviewed the canvass reports. Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to accept and approve the canvass results as submitted by the director. The motion was unanimous. The Board signed the official abstracts that shall be filed with the State Board of Election, Clerk of Court and the Board office.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the chief judge meeting and requested the director schedule the meeting for April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Chief Judges and party chairs were invited to attend.

Mr. Cox stated that he would like the Board to consider setting up a satellite site in Chapel Hill for the November election in order to provide a facility to receive voter's photo ID in the event it is difficult for the voter to present the photo ID in Hillsborough for those who do not present the ID when they voted.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: April 5 – 3:30 pm