

Orange County Board of Elections
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Minutes
April 5, 2016 – 3:30 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. There was no one present to address the Board.

Approval of Board Minutes: Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 109,421 registered voters. Registered voters increased 1.20% since last report.

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

The director provided the monthly budget report and reported sufficient funds to carry out the work of the Board.

Board Actions:

The Board discussed the early voting hours for the June 7 Primary Election. Mr. Randall made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to open the BOE office Monday – Friday from 9 am – 6 pm; Seymour Center from 10 am – 6 pm and both sites on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am – 1 pm from May 26 thru June 4; closing on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. The motion was unanimous.

Board Discussions:

The Board discussed the April 4 meeting with the chief judges and party chairs. The consensus of the Board was that it was a very informative meeting and felt that it was good for the chief judges to be able to address the Board. The chief judges provided input on their Election Day instances and provided helpful information on what the staff can provide to better assist precinct workers and voters. The consensus of the chief judges was that student assistants and greeters worked well for the precinct and the voters. Party chairs were encouraged to recruit additional precinct staff for the November General Election. Ms. Knight will contact the School Boards to encourage more collaboration and assistance in recruiting student assistants.

The Board expressed their concern that some chief judges may need to be replaced if they cannot perform all the duties that is required of a chief judge. The Board agreed that all chief judges must be able to use the electronic poll books to ensure other workers are properly processing voters. The Board will consider reassigning officials to other duties as needed.

The Board discussed contacting the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce to see if they would approve the use of their facility as an early voting site for the November General Election. The director will make contact and report to Board.

Adjournment: Mr. Randall moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: May 3 – 3:30 pm