

**Orange County Board of Elections
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**Minutes
June 14, 2016 – 10:30 a.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 who wished to address the Board.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Sample Audit Count: Cameron Park and Dogwood Acres
- Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received
- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast

Sample Audit Count:

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

Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director reported that there were 1 military, 49 civilian and 10 overseas supplemental absentee by-mail ballots received for which approval is recommended. There are 2 ballots for which rejection is recommended due missing witness information. There is 1 pending due to voter's request for Board consideration to count ballot with missing witness information.

Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:

The director reported that a total of 49 provisional ballots were cast. Staff's recommendation is to approve 33 and reject 16 due to reasons stated on provisional report.

Board Actions:

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

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

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to reject 1 pending supplemental absentee by-mail ballots due to lack of witness information. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Mr. Randall seconded the motion to approve 1 military, 49 civilian and 10 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 60.

Mr. Randall made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to count 33 provisional ballots and reject 16. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the envelopes and the provisional ballots were inserted into the tabulator with an ending count of 33.

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 allegations made by Jay DeLancy with Voter Integrity Project against precinct officials at Grady Brown precinct alleging precinct officials were not asking for the required photo ID. Jay DeLancy contacted Bob Randall after the election with concerns about poll worker irregularities of not following proper procedures at Grady Brown precinct. Mr. DeLancy and Mr. Randall brought those concerns to the director. Mr. Randall called the Republican precinct official in the presence of Mr. DeLancy and the director to ask if she could verify that the Democrat precinct official was asking for the required photo ID. She insisted she observed her asking all voters for a photo ID. As requested by Mr. Randall, the director surveyed random voters. The director and a staff member randomly called 18 voters. Actual contact was made to 10 voters who stated they did show a photo ID and/or were asked to show a photo ID. There was no one that indicated they did not have to show a photo ID to vote. The director reported that one more voter returned the call and also stated she was asked to present a photo ID. Based on the evidence before the Board, the Board's position is that they do not find the allegations creditable and no further action is warranted. The Board appreciates the concerns coming forward because if nothing else it solidifies the confidence the Board has in their workers at Grady Brown and elsewhere in the county.

The Board discussed the SBOE conference to be held in Concord on August 8 & 9. All Board members will attend. The Board agreed to defer the August 2 regular meeting due to the Board meeting in Concord.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: September 6 – 3:30 pm