

**Orange County Board of Elections  
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**Minutes  
December 1, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.**

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

Others Present: James Weathers, Melva Fager Okun, Nancy Jones, Matt Hughes, Lee Rafalow, Lee Storrow, Adam Stein, Caroline Christopher, Deb Christie, Joanie Alexander, Mark Marcoplos, Vickie Boyer and Louise Bush.

**Call to order:** Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair opened the meeting to allow those present to voice their opposition and/or support for Sunday voting hours and early voting site recommendations.

**Approval of Board Minutes:** Mr. Randall moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the November 3 and November 10, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Director Reams provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- Campaign Finance Compliance Report

**Voter Registration Statistical Report:**

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 106,353 registered voters. Registered voters increased 0.47% 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.

**Campaign Finance Compliance Report:**

The director provided the list of candidate campaign reports received to date. There were only 2 delinquent reports that have already been reported to the SBOE.

**Board Actions:**

The Board considered early voting sites and hours for the 2016 March Primary. The director reported that we are required to be open a minimum of 426 hours. After discussion among Board members and considering input received from those in attendance, the Board made the following motions:

The Chair made a motion to open the BOE office and 5 additional one-stop voting sites: Carrboro Town Hall, Chapel of the Cross, Efland Ruritan Bldg., New Hope Community Center and Seymour Senior Center. Mr. Randall seconded the motion to setup one-stop voting at the BOE and the 5 additional sites as stated in motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cox made a motion to be open at the BOE office Monday thru Friday from 8 am – 6 pm and all additional sites from 11 am – 7 pm in addition to all sites being open on the first Saturday from 9 am – 2 pm, last Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm and on Sunday from 1 pm – 5 pm. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

Mr. Randall made a motion to be open at the BOE office Monday thru Friday from 9 am – 6 pm and all additional sites from 10 am – 7 pm in addition to all sites being open on Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm. Mr. Cox asked for a friendly amendment to include Sunday hours at the BOE office only. The motion died for lack of a second motion.

The Chair repeated original motion made by Mr. Randall - BOE office Monday thru Friday from 9 am – 6 pm and all additional sites from 10 am – 7 pm in addition to all sites being open on Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm and seconded the motion. The Chair called for a verbal vote from each member. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the implementation form indicating that the decision was unanimous that shall be sent to the State Board of Elections for approval. The early voting sites/schedule approved are as follows:

BOE - Monday thru Friday from 9 am – 6 pm

Carrboro Town Hall, Chapel of the Cross, Efland Ruritan Bldg., New Hope Community Center and Seymour Senior Center - Monday thru Friday from 10 am – 7 pm

All sites to open on both Saturdays from 9 am – 1 pm.

#### **Board Discussion:**

The Board acknowledged letter opposing Sunday voting from the Republican Party Chair, Daniel Ashley. Mr. Cox read aloud the letter for those in attendance.

The Chair addressed the “get out the vote” event held inside the Chapel of the Cross at the start of early voting. The Board concurred that all future events are to be held outside of all voting facilities in accordance with the law.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Cox moved and Mr. Randall seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: January 5, 2016 – 3:30 pm**