

**Orange County Board of Elections
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**Minutes
February 14, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Jim White, Chair
Kathy Knight, Secretary
Jamie Cox, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Call to order: Chairman White called the Special Board Meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. held at Rams Head Dining Hall to consider and approve one-stop voting locations and hours for the 2012 May Primary and 2nd Primary (if necessary).

The Board recognized the following that were present to participate in the discussion:
Matt Hughes, Chair Orange County Democratic Party
Jeff DeLuca, Student Activist
Austin Gilmore, UNC Young Democrats President
John Michael Watkins, Student Activist
Mary Cooper, Student Body President
Dean Blackburn, Asst. Dean UNC-CH
Cheryl Stout, Asst. Director for Parking
Linda Convissor, UNC Local Relations Director
James Weathers, One-Stop Chief Judge

Note: Prior to calling the meeting to order, all those present toured the facility and walked the route for handicap, non-handicap and curbside voting from and to the voting enclosure.

Board Discussion:

The Chair opened the floor to discuss one-stop voting sites and hours. All present participated in the discussion with the Board and director.

The Chair asked the director to report on the status of other one-stop voting sites. The director reported that Mt. Zion AME Church, Carrboro Town Hall, Seymour Senior Center and the BOE office were confirmed sites.

Discussion on Rams Head Dining Hall included security, accessibility, available parking, curbside voting, directional signage for voters, same-day student registrations, importance of student registration drives, one-stop staff, high volume of students and staff with close proximity, political party/candidate campaigning and hours of operation.

To accommodate curbside voters, Cheryl Stout, Asst. Director for Parking will communicate to parking attendants that they are to notify precinct officials by calling them to alert them of a curbside voter. Signage will be provided to instruct voters to notify parking attendant if they wish to vote curbside.

Mary Cooper, Student Body President reported that she will work with UNC Marketing and Design to design and print flyers that could be handed out to voters and to also provide adequate signage to be posted in elevators and on each floor of the parking deck to direct voters from the parking deck to Rams Head Dining Hall.

Board Actions:

After much discussion the Board acted and approved the following unanimously.

To avoid voter confusion, the Chair recommended the BOE office be the only one-stop voting site for the 2nd Primary (if needed). Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to conduct one-stop voting only at the BOE office if there is a 2nd Primary.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to setup early voting sites for the May Primary at the BOE office, Seymour Senior Center, Carrboro Town Hall and Mt. Zion AME Church and to approve Rams Head Dining Hall subject to SBOE General Counsel parking arrangement approval.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to schedule early voting at BOE Elections Office as follows:

Thursday & Friday, 4/19 & 4/20 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday – Friday, 4/ 23 – 4/ 27 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 4/ 28 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Friday, 4/ 30 – 5/ 4 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 5/ 5 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ms. Knight made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to schedule early voting at Seymour Senior Center as follows:

Monday – Friday, 4/ 23 – 4/ 27 – Noon – 7 p.m.
Saturday, 4/ 28 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Friday, 4/ 30 – 5/ 4 – Noon – 7 p.m.
Saturday, 5/ 5 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to schedule early voting at Carrboro Town Hall as follows contingent upon the Town approving use of the space up until and after 5:00 p.m. if necessary to accommodate voters in line:

Monday – Friday, 4/ 23 – 4/ 27 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 4/ 28 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Friday, 4/ 30 – 5/ 4 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 5/ 5 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ms. Knight made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to schedule early voting at Mt. Zion AME Church and Rams Head Dining Hall as follows:

Monday – Friday, 4/ 23 – 4/ 27 – 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 4/ 28 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Friday, 4/ 30 – 5/ 4 – 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 5/ 5 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: March 6, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.