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Minutes
March 4, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Kathy Knight, Chair
Jamie Cox, Secretary
Ana Kuhn, Member
Tracy Reams, Director

Also present was T. Andrew Dykers, Vicki Boyer, Larry Hicks, Bob Randall, Daniel Ashley, Linda Convissor, Michael Kuhn, Ann DeMaine, Lee Storrow, Matt Hughes, Evelyn Poole-Kober, Cathye Ashler, Rod Chaney, James Weeks, Patricia Randall and James Weathers.

Call to order: Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order and asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Board.

Andrew Dykers presented his idea of creating and promoting a candidate webpage that would hyperlink candidate's website to the BOE website. BOE took no action due to the county's website policy that does not allow links to websites that represent individuals or for-profit entities.

Ann DeMaine spoke in favor of a one-stop site located in the northern part of the county. Lee Storrow spoke in favor of an on-campus site and a northern site. Larry Hicks reported that if the Board has any accessibility concerns with on-campus sites he would be happy to address those concerns and will work to resolve any issues.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ms. Kuhn moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the February 4, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- Voter Registration Statistical Report
- Year-to-Date Budget Report
- 2014 Candidate Filings
- FY 2014-2015 Budget Request

Voter Registration Statistical Report:

The director presented the voter registration statistical report showing a total of 105,840 registered voters.

Year-to-Date Budget Report:

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

2014 Candidate Filings:

The director provided a list of the 2014 Primary Election candidates.

FY 2014-15 Budget Request:

The director provided a copy of the 2014-15 budget request. Budget highlights included one additional staff, funds for replacement laptops and five one-stop voting sites for the November General Election.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed 2014 one-stop early voting sites and hours. Ms. Knight recommended the following sites: Carrboro Town Hall, Seymour Senior Center, NC Hillel, Master's Garden Preschool and the BOE office. Mr. Cox recommended Cobb Residence Hall in addition to the five sites recommended by Ms. Knight to accommodate on-campus voting. Ms. Kuhn supported the five sites recommended by Ms. Knight but was not in favor of Cobb Residence Hall due to the close proximity of the NC Hillel to the UNC Campus.

Board Actions:

Ms. Knight made a motion to approve five one-stop sites: Carrboro Town Hall, Seymour Senior Center, NC Hillel, Master's Garden Preschool and the BOE office. Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion was not unanimous.

Mr. Cox made a new motion to approve the five sites made in motion by Ms. Knight and to approve Cobb Residence Hall. There was no second motion made.

Ms. Kuhn made a motion to approve the five one-stop sites made in the first motion: Carrboro Town Hall, Seymour Senior Center, NC Hillel, Master's Garden Preschool and the BOE office. Ms. Knight seconded the motion. Mr. Cox dissented. The proposed plan will be submitted to the SBOE for their consideration and approval.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion to approve the following schedule. The motion was unanimous.

- Early voting to begin on April 24 and end on May 3 at all locations.
- Board of Elections Office – Monday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm
- Carrboro Town Hall, Seymour Senior Center, NC Hillel (new location – 210 W. Cameron, Chapel Hill) and Master's Garden Preschool (new location – 7500 Schley Rd, Hillsborough) – Monday-Thursday 12 pm – 7 pm and Fridays 12 pm – 6 pm.
- All sites will be open the two Saturdays prior to the election from 9 am – 1 pm.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion to have one-stop voting at the Board of Elections office if a 2nd Primary is held. No additional sites will be open. The motion was unanimous.

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

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: April 8, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.