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**Minutes  
July 22, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Call to order:** The Board met in the director's office in order to complete provisional and sample audit counts and to canvass the July 15 election results. Kathy Knight, Chair called the meeting to order and there was no one present to witness the count or canvass.

**Approval of Board Minutes:** Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to approve the July 15, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimous.

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

- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast
- Report of Supplemental Absentee Ballots Received
- Sample Audit Count: Greenwood and Orange Grove Precincts

**Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:**

The director reported that a total of 10 provisional ballots were cast. Staff's recommendation is to approve 1 and reject 9 due to not voting same party ballot in primary and/or out of county residence.

**Report of Supplemental Absentee Ballots Received:**

The director reported that staff is recommending approval of 1 overseas and 11 civilian absentee ballots. Staff also recommends rejecting 1 absentee ballot due to missing signature.

**Sample Audit Count:**

The director reported that the State Board of Elections selected Greenwood and Orange Grove for the sample audit count.

**Board Actions:**

Ms. Kuhn made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve 1 provisional ballot and reject 9 ballots cast per reasons stated on the provisional envelopes. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the envelope and the provisional ballot was hand counted.

Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion to approve 1 overseas and 11 civilian absentee by mail ballots received to date and to reject 1 due to missing signature. The motion was unanimous. The Board opened the application envelopes and the ballots were inserted into the tabulator with an ending count of 12.

The Board certified and signed the supplemental absentee abstracts that shall be submitted to the State Board of Elections as required.

The Board conducted the sample audit count for Greenwood and Orange Grove as directed by the State Board. The ending hand-eye count was the same as the Election Day machine count that shall be reported to the State Board.

The Board reviewed the final results. Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion to accept and approve the canvass report as submitted by the director. The motion was unanimous. The Board signed the official abstracts that shall be filed with the State Board, Orange County Clerk of Court and the Board office.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board discussed their regular August meeting. Due to the Board attending a SBOE conference on August 6 & 7, the Board agreed to hold the next meeting on September 9 at 3:30 p.m.

The Board recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. in the Board meeting room for a public meeting to receive input on the early voting hours and locations for the 2014 General Election.

**Public Meeting:**

The Chair called the meeting to order to receive input and discuss the early voting hours and locations for the 2014 General Election.

In the interest of time, redundancy and other obligations, the Board asked those in attendance to select speakers from each side (those who support and those who oppose expanded hours and/or Sunday voting) to speak for 15 minutes each.

Supporting expanded hours and/or Sunday voting, the Board heard from Lee Nackman; representing Carolina Jews for Justice, Lee Storrow; Chapel Hill Town Councilman, Jenn Weaver; Hillsborough Town Commissioner, Susan Romaine; representing Democratic Party, Jasmin Kuzo; UNC law student, Janet Hoy; representing League of Women Voters, Andrew Hall; UNC Student Body President, Lisa Garber; Carrboro resident and Rande Haven-O'Donnell; Carrboro Alderman.

Opposing expanded hours and/or Sunday voting, the Board heard from Evelyn Poole-Kober; Republican Party member, Michael Kuhn; Republican Party Vice-Chair, Daniel Ashley; Republican Party Chair, Bill Knight; Orange County resident, James Weathers; One-Stop Supervisor and Diana Getzelmann, One-Stop staff .

Gary Kahn spoke about low voter turnout and the need to increase voter turnout in all elections. He stated he was not for or against expanded hours or Sunday voting.

The Board acknowledged petition submitted by the Democratic Party, letter submitted and read by Evelyn Poole-Kober and information packet from Daniel Ashley.

The Board closed the public meeting for the Board to discuss the early voting hours and locations. After further discussion, Ms. Knight made a motion to keep the same sites that were established for the May Primary – BOE office, Carrboro Town Hall, NC Hillel,

Seymour Center and Master's Garden Preschool (former St. Mary's School). Mr. Cox supported the motion. Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Knight made a motion to keep the same hours that were established for the May Primary except to extend the hours at all sites until 2:00 pm on the first Saturday. Mr. Cox made a substitute motion to keep the same hours during the week, maintain Saturday hours 9 am to 1 pm and to add Sunday hours of 9 am to 1 pm as well. The motion did not receive a second motion. Mr. Cox voted in support of the motion. Ms. Knight and Ms. Kuhn opposed the motion.

Ms. Knight made a motion to extend the hours on the first Saturday until 2 pm at all sites and all other hours to remain the same. Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion. The motion was not unanimous.

Mr. Cox asked that additional hours be considered at the BOE office. Mr. Cox made a motion to expand the hours at the BOE from 8 am to 6 pm during weekdays. Ms. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Mr. Cox's motion was for the BOE to be open weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm, satellite sites be open Monday – Thursday from 12 pm to 7 pm, Fridays from 12 pm to 6 pm, the first Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm and on the second Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. The motion was unanimous.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: September 9, 2014 – 3:30 pm**