

Orange County Board of Elections
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Minutes
July 19, 2011 – 12:00 Noon

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

Call to order: Tracy Reams, Director called the meeting to order. Melody Dees was present to administer the oath of office

Organization of Board: Melody Dees, Assistant to the Clerk of Court administered the oath of office. The Board organized to elect a Chair and Secretary. Ms. Knight made a motion to nominate Mr. Cox as Chair. The motion failed. Mr. Cox made a motion to nominate Mr. White as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and the motion passed. Mr. Cox made a motion to nominate Ms. Knight as Secretary. Mr. White seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There were no members of the public to address the Board.

Approval of Board Minutes: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to approve the June 7, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Director's Report: Director Reams provided:

- 2011 Election Calendar
- Elections Law Book for New Board Members
- 2011 Candidate List
- SBOE Memorandum 2011-03 (listing the prohibitions to serving as a member of a county board of elections)

Board Actions:

There were no business items.

Board Discussion:

Mr. White requested that future agendas and meeting minutes be posted on the web. The director reported that Debbie Cheshire is our in-house webmaster and that she would communicate with her to get them posted.

The Board discussed the regular scheduled board meetings. The Board agreed to continue meeting on the first Tuesday in the month at 3:30 p.m. The Board may also look at quarterly evening meetings if warranted from public input. Mr. Cox made a motion and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to defer the August 2 Board meeting since the Board is required to meet on August 16 to appoint precinct officials.

The Board discussed potential one-stop voting sites and hours for the 2011 election. The director shall provide one-stop voting costs for Board consideration at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed the mandated State Board of Elections training seminar to be held at the Friday Center on September 8 & 9. All Board members plan to attend.

Ms. Knight commented on the requirement of the Board to be non-partisan and that decisions should not be based on what is good for their party, but what is legal and appropriate for all voters. Mr. White commended on the need to be conscious of the Sunshine Law.

Mr. White asked about redrawing precinct lines. The director will email information on altering and/or splitting precincts and the requirement to report all voting results by voting tabulation districts.

Mr. White asked that a copy of the 2011-2012 elections budget be provided. A detailed worksheet was provided.

Adjournment: Ms. Knight moved and Mr. Cox seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next Mandated/Scheduled Board Meeting: August 16, 3:30 p.m.