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Minutes
May 15, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Call to order: Chairman White called the Board meeting to order and recognized those in attendance: Bob and Ann DeMaine.

Ann DeMaine, 3rd Vice Chair of the Orange County Democratic Party was present to read a letter on behalf of the Orange County Democratic Party, congratulating the Board and staff “on an extremely well run 2012 Primary Election.” The Board and director expressed their appreciation and informed those present that the Board will be discussing one-stop early voting locations and hours for the 2012 General Election at their next meeting to be held on June 5th at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Board Minutes: Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion to approve the May 1st and May 8th, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Director’s Report: Director Reams provided:

- Report of Provisional Ballots Cast
- Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Received
- Report of Sample Audit Precincts Assigned by the SBOE

Report of Provisional Ballots Cast:

The director reported a total of 288 provisional ballots cast. Staff recommends 149 be rejected, 19 partially counted and 120 to be fully counted.

Report of Supplemental Absentee By-Mail Ballots Cast:

The director submitted the list of 84 supplemental absentee ballots received recommending approval of 72 civilian, 2 military and 10 overseas ballots.

Sample Audit Count:

The director reported that the State Board of Elections has selected Lions Club Precinct and Absentee By-Mail ballots for the sample audit count. The Constitutional Amendment is the contest to be hand counted.

Board Actions:

The Board reviewed a total of 288 provisional ballots cast. Ms. Knight made a motion to reject 149 due to improper registration, partially count 19 due to voting out of precinct and fully count 120. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board initialed and opened the provisional envelopes. The director inserted the provisional ballots into the voting tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator was 139. The Board tabulated and signed the results tape that shall be certified at Canvass.

The Board reviewed a total of 84 supplemental absentee applications (72 civilian, 2 military and 10 overseas). Mr. Cox made a motion to approve the supplemental ballots and Ms. Knight seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously. The Board initialed the applications and opened the envelopes. The director inserted the ballots into the voting tabulator. The ending count on the tabulator for all absentee by-mail ballots cast was 633. The Board tabulated and signed the results tape that shall be certified at Canvass.

The Board recorded the write-in votes cast, certified and signed the supplemental absentee abstract that shall be submitted to the State Board as required.

The Board and director conducted the sample audit count for Lions Club and Absentee By-Mail. The ending hand-eye counts were the same as the Election Day machine count. The Board initialed the results report that shall be reported to the SBOE.

The Board reviewed the final results. Ms. Knight made a motion and Mr. Cox seconded the motion to accept and approve the canvass report as submitted by the director. The motion passed unanimously. The Board signed the official abstracts that shall be filed with the State Board of Elections, Orange County Clerk of Courts and a copy shall be filed with the Board office.

Board Discussion:

The Board thanked the director and staff for their dedication and hard work to ensure a well-run, successful election.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox moved and Ms. Knight seconded the motion that the Board adjourn. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: June 5th, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.