



**ORANGE COUNTY**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Emergency Meeting  
Orange County Board of Elections  
Friday, October 30, 2020 – 4:30 PM

Present: Jamie Cox, Chair; Shawnee Seese, Secretary; Clare Brennan; Elvira Mebane; Jason Roberts; Rachel Raper, Director; and John Roberts, County Attorney

**Call to order:**

Jamie Cox, Chair called the meeting to order.

**Board Discussion:**

The Board discussed complaints due to the Town of Carrboro affixing Black Lives Matter flags to the front of Town Hall, a facility that serves as an Election Day and early voting location.

After multiple complaints, the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, Karen Brinson Bell, made a formal request to the Town to remove the flags for the duration of the election. The governing body of Carrboro held a closed session meeting with their legal counsel and adjourned after taking no action.

Complaints made to the Orange County Board of Elections raised the concern of civil unrest at the location during voting. Director Raper met with Carrboro Police Chief Horton who reported complaints about the flags, but no direct or credible threats to the voting location. Chief Horton assured Director Raper his office would be able to support the voting location as they had in the past.

The Board discussed what other facility could possibly be used as a voting location for the Town Hall precinct on Election Day if the voting location was moved from Carrboro Town Hall. Director Raper reported Carrboro Elementary, already hosting two precincts, was the only nearby location with the space to host the Town Hall precinct. Significant parking and logistical concerns with a location hosting three precincts was discussed among the Board.

**Board Actions:**

Ms. Mebane moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to keep the voting location at Carrboro Town Hall due to the disruption to voters and election integrity moving the voting location two days before an election would cause. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Seese moved and Ms. Mebane seconded the motion the Board adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Scheduled Board Meeting: November 2, 2020 at 5 pm**