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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Emergency Meeting Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2018

Opening

The emergency meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 pm on March 6, 2018 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

BOE Staff-

Jay Watson, Chairman Lucy Smith, Secretary George Keller, Member Trena Velez, Director Jennifer Sparks John Noce

Visitors-

(See attached)

Item One - Candidacy of Mr. Clyde Michael Morgan

- Chairman Watson explained that the Board had scheduled an emergency meeting to resolve an issue regarding a candidates notice, and that the issue needed immediate attention so that ballot preparation could be completed. Chairman Watson stated that the elections staff had brought to the Boards attention that because of Mr. Morgan's prior felony offense made him ineligible to hold the office of Sheriff per Article 7 of the NC constitution. Chairman Watson stated that Statute 163-106(g) requires the Board to cancel Mr. Morgan's notice of candidacy. (see attached)
- Chairman Watson stated that on the notice of candidacy form, under the felony disclosure, there was no mention that a candidate was unable to serve as sheriff with a prior felony (see attached). Chairman Watson stated to Mr. Morgan that the Board will send a letter to the State Board asking to address this issue.
 - Director Velez added that the same statement was printed on the 48 hour felony disclosure report and failed to mention the inability to serve as sheriff if the candidate had a prior felony.
- Chairman Watson asked Mr. Morgan if he had any statements or questions for the Board.

- o Mr. Morgan stated that he understood the action that needed to be taken by the Board. Mr. Morgan also stated that he made sure that his past convictions was made public and not to hide anything. Mr. Morgan stated that he had prepared a statement and would like to leave it with the Board.
- o Mr. Morgan indicated he had no further questions.
- Member Keller motioned to cancel the notice of candidacy for the position of sheriff for Mr. Clyde Michael Morgan and the Board agreed unanimously.
- Chairman Watson asked Mr. Morgan if he had any further statements.
 - o Mr. Morgan again stated he would leave his statement with the Board.
 - o Mr. Morgan indicated he had no further questions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2018, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by:

Kevin J. Roberts

Approved by:

Jay Watson, Chairman

Lucy Smith, Secretary

George Keller, Member