

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF March 24, 2016
CANVASS

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON March 24, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M., AT 77 MCDOWELL STREET, MAIN LOBBY, IN ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE AND WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Watson, Chairman
Lucy Smith, Secretary
George Keller, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Trena Parker, Director
Victoria Leyva, Staff
John Noce, Staff
Joyce Kanavel, Staff
Jennifer Sparks, Staff

VISITORS: Patsy Gardin, Ruth Slawson, Samuel Speciale, Judith Scruggs, Mark Barrett, Jake Quinn, Annie Butzner, Darlene Acarni, Aiden Carson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 15th, March 18th, March 21st, and March 22, 2016. Member Keller moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

John Noce presented to the board a ballot that was approved during the meeting on March 22nd. The board opened the absentee envelope and added the votes to the final absentee totals.

John Noce presented to the board 194 absentee applications recommended for rejection. Mr. Noce explained that 125 applications were received after the deadline, 4 applications are missing the voters signature, 1 application the voters signature did not match the signature we have in their record, 42 applications the witness information is incomplete, 18 applications were returned undeliverable, 2 applications the voter passed away prior to Election Day, and 2 applications that were spoiled. Member Keller moved to reject the 194 absentee applications. The motion passed unanimously. (Document attached-rejected applications list)

Director Parker announced that Canvass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The board reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

Joyce Kanavel presented to the board 258 provisional ballots recommended for partial approval due to the voter requesting to vote a ballot other than the ballot they are eligible for. A multi-partisan team duplicated the vote for non-partisan offices on the ballot the voter was eligible for.

The board recessed at 12:28 p.m. The board reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

The multi-partisan team continued with duplication of the partially approved ballots.

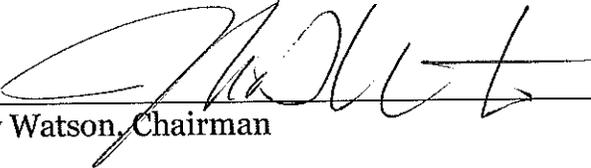
The board recessed at 4:13 p.m. The board reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

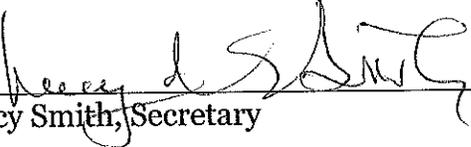
The multi-partisan team duplicated ballots that would not scan.

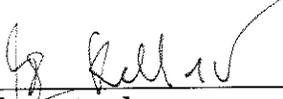
Chairman Watson stated the need for additional permanent staff and adequate facilities.

The board signed the final abstracts for the March 15, 2016 elections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Jay Watson, Chairman


Lucy Smith, Secretary


George Keller, Member