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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2017

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 pm on August 22, 2017 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

Jay Watson, Chairman

Lucy Smith, Secretary

George Keller, Member

BOE Staff-

Trena Valez, Director

John Noce

Neggy Fox

Jennifer Sparks

Visitors-

(See attached)

Item Two - Approval of Minutes – Kevin Roberts

- Member Keller motioned the minutes to be approved for July 18, 2017, and motion passed unanimously.

Item Three – Final Schedule for Absentee Board Meetings for October and November – John Noce

- John presented final schedule for absentee Board meetings. Change to include moving Canvass to October 16th.
 - Unanimous approval for newly added date.
- Machine testing will take place September 19th and on October 17th.
 - No action taken by the board.

Item Four – Voting Location Changes – Victoria Leyva

- Victoria presented the voting location resolutions for October and November's elections. (See attached)
- The Board reviewed the October resolutions and entertained a motion to approve each as followed:
 - 08222017A – Unanimous agreement – 5:42 pm
 - 08222017B – Unanimous agreement – 5:43 pm
 - 08222017C – Unanimous agreement – 5:44 pm

- 08222017C – Asheville City voters from Precincts 43.2 to Precinct 16.2 – Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
- 08222017D Asheville City voters from Precinct 46.1 to 44.1– Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
- 08222017E – Asheville City voters from Precinct 71.1 to 70.1—Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
- The Board reviewed the November resolutions and Mr. Keller moved to approve each as follows:
 - 08222017F – Moving the voting location in Montreat from Anderson Auditorium to Walkup Building—Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
 - 08222017G – Asheville City voter from Precinct 41.1 to 69.1—Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
 - 08222017H – Woodfin Town voters from Precinct 71.1 to 70.1—Motion passed by unanimous agreement.
 - 08222017J – Black Mountain Town voters from Precinct 32.1 to Precinct 33.1—Motion passed by unanimous agreement.

Item Five – One-Stop Plan for November – Neggy Fox

- Neggy Fox presented the November plan for Early Voting, as requested by the City of Asheville.
 - The plan includes early voting site at Election Services to remain open the entire 17 days of One-Stop. (October 19th – November 4th).
 - Four additional remote sites will be opened for one week. The remote sites will be North Asheville Branch Library, South Buncombe Branch Library, West Asheville Branch Library, and Murphy/Oakley Library/Community Center. These sites will be open 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. from October 28th through November 4th, excluding Sunday.
- Member Keller made a motion to adopt the plan as presented.
 - Motion passed by unanimous agreement.

Item Six – Appointment of Precinct Election Officials – John Noce and Director Velez (via Facetime)

- John Noce presented the 2017-2019 judge nominations by party.
- Mr. Noce recommended Chief Judges guided by the following criteria:
 - If only one party made a nomination then that nominee was recommended
 - In precinct chosen over out of precinct.

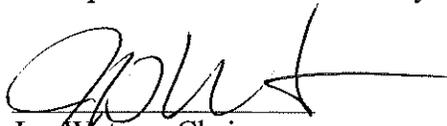
- Experienced judges/chief judges over inexperienced or new (in most cases).
- BOE and precinct staff experiences and feedback of nominees.
- Following this criteria, recommended for service are:
 - 35 Democrats
 - 36 Republicans
 - 6 vacancies
 - 3 requiring input from the Board

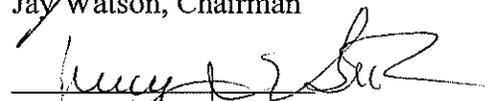
Several visitors were recognized for comment and a period of discussion was held. North Carolina General Statutes 163-41 and others were referenced.

- John Noor requested that the Board consider holding over the 2015 appointments should the courts make a decision in favor of the Governor's legal case.
- Recess was taken at 7:09 pm.
- Board reconvened the meeting at 7:19 pm.
- After careful consideration, the Board made appointments to three precincts which required BOE input.
- Member Keller made a motion to adopt the recommended precinct officials as amended, and the motion was approved unanimously at 7:25 p.m.
- Visitor Patsy Gardin inquired into the Board authorizing party chairs to make recommendations out of precinct when necessary.
 - Member Keller moved to allow for party chairs to make recommendations out of precinct when necessary, and the motion was approved by unanimous agreement at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. Minutes submitted by: Kevin J. Roberts

Approved by:


Jay Watson, Chairman


Lucy Smith, Secretary


George Keller, Member