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BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2018

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 4:00 pm on October 16, 2018 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

Board Members Present

Staff Present

Jay Watson, Chair

Trena P. Velez

Lucy Smith, Vice Chair

John Noce

Jake Quinn, Member

Stephen Duncan, Secretary

Others Present: List Attached

Temporary Staff Present:

Hazel Beckner, Daphne Young, Barbara Johnston, Joan Merrill, Bria Bailey

Visitors were welcomed. Chairman Watson shared that the board will reconvene on the 5th floor of the Alport Building for machine testing, and will return in approximately 45 minutes. All visitors in attendance are invited to observe.

The machine testing was successfully conducted and the list of machines tested is attached.

The board returned to the 77 McDowell Street location at approximately 5:00 p.m. and continued the meeting.

Absentee Applications- John Noce

- Staff member Noce presented 43 email applications that need duplication, 325 civilian ballots and 4 military ballots. The bipartisan team began duplicating the emailed ballots.
- Chairman Watson asked for order in the room while the duplication team worked.
- The board considered one ballot presented by the duplication team with a questionable oval marking. ChairmanWatson noted that the mark was not consistent with the other marks on the ballot and therefore should not be counted. Vice Chair Lucy Smith agreed. After further discussion Secretary Duncan motioned that the mark be denied as a vote. Member Quinn seconded. Upon further discussion the final vote of the board was 3 to 1 to reject the mark as a vote. Member Quinn voted to accept the mark.
- The ballot application of Alison Patton was considered. The notary had not completed the required portion and the ballot will be resent for correction.

- The ballot applications of Steve and Sasha Oberg were considered. The couple
 had presented themselves at the front desk of the Board of Elections office and
 sealed and signed their ballot envelopes. It appeared that they had accidentally
 signed each other's envelope. Since the BOE staff witnessed the signing and the
 signing occurred in person, both applications will be accepted.
- The ballot application of Gilbert Holtzman was considered. Staff felt that the signature provided did not match the signature on file. The board was equally divided with their interpretation of the signature provided. The voter had been contacted. The signature documents will be shared with the voter, as will another application.
- Upon completion of the duplication of ballots the Chairman asked the team if they were satisfied with the calling and marking of all ballots duplicated. The team affirmed that they were satisfied.
- Member Quinn motioned to approve the mail-in absentee applications. Vice-Chair Lucy Smith seconded with the motion passing unanimously.
- The minutes of October 4th were considered. Member Quinn suggested that one of temporary staff's last name needed to be added. He then motioned that the minutes be accepted with the suggested correction made. Vice-Chair Lucy Smith seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

The director reported that Steven Holland had delivered a challenge form that challenged the registration of Sam Keiran. The Keiran registration had been denied at the previous meeting. No action necessary.

The board adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Trena P. Velez

Approved by:

Jay Watson, Chair

Lucy Smith, Secretary

Stephen Duncan

Jake Quinn