

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2020

The special meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 10 am on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712 and via Zoom electronic meeting.

Present

Board Members:

Staff Members:

Chair:	Sara Champion	Director:	Jeff Storey
Secretary:	Lee McMinn*	Deputy Director:	Laura Owen
	David Morrow*	Deputy Director:	Bria Bailey
	Pam Dashiell*		
	Michael Wainwright*		* Remotely via Zoom

Visitors: None

Resolution on NAACP v State Board et al

Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the State Board of Elections to defend the Transylvania County Board of Elections in the NAACP v State Board et al lawsuit. Ms.Dashiell questioned Mr. Wainwright's involvement with the NAACP and whether it constituted a conflict of interest with the Board of Elections. Mr. Wainwright indicated although he was a member of the NAACP, he was not aware of the lawsuit, nor did he concur with their allegations, and voted in support of the voting equipment in question. Mr. Wainwright also indicated he consulted with Director Storey and the State Board of Elections immediately upon learning about the lawsuit. State Board General Counsel Katelyn Love indicated there were no restrictions that would prohibit membership in both based on the situation. There were no further questions. **The motion unanimously passed.**

Board Comments

Mr. Morrow mentioned long time precinct official Carl Wilson Jr had passed away on Sunday and asked if he had been scheduled to work the upcoming election. Director Storey responded that Mr. Wilson had contacted the office in April and indicated he would no longer be able to work due to health concerns. Mr. Morrow also told the board former precinct worker Toni Casciato had passed away. The board asked that a condolence letter be drafted to be signed at the next meeting.

The board asked if they would need to be physically present for the next meeting. The director indicated they would be handling absentee ballots which would dictate having board members present.

Mr. Morrow mentioned the budget amendment for the second primary passed at the county commissioners' meeting. Chair Champion asked the director to gather information about instant

run off voting and share with the county manager and commissioners the steps others have taken to provide relief for the cost of a second primary. Ms. Dashiell had reservations about instant runoff voting and stated more research needs to be conducted. The director will gather resources and provide it to the board.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. The next scheduled meeting will be at 5 pm on June 2, 2020, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee McMinn, Secretary



Sara G. Champion, Chair



David P. Morrow, Member



Pam Dashiell, Member

Michael Wainwright, Member

Approved by Board on: 6/2/2020