

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2020

The special meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 10:00 am on July 23, 2020 at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712 and via Zoom video conferencing.

Present

Board Members:

Staff Members:

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

Visitors: Ruth Harris*

Amendment to One Stop Plan for 2020 General Election

Director Storey updated the board on the emergency executive order issued on July 17, 2020 by State Board of Elections Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell requiring counties to have a minimum of 10 hours on each of the first two weekends during the early voting period due to COVID-19. The current unanimous plan passed by the Transylvania County Board of Elections on July 14, 2020 does not meet the new requirements. The director indicated the board would need to extend the hours to 6 pm on Saturdays to satisfy the directive. **Secretary McMinn moved to amend the One Stop Plan as presented. The motion unanimously carried.**

Board Comments

Chair Champion indicated the conference is the next scheduled event for the board starting August 3, 2020 via video conference and confirmed everyone was registered. The director mentioned there will not be breakout sessions for this conference. Mr. Morrow asked about the status for filling the deputy director of voting services position. The director stated it is being posted this week. Bria will be returning for one day to close out open items and to make a training video for online use. Chair Champion mentioned the director is still in conversations with the school about using them for precincts. The director is reaching out to the county to see about the possibility of using county employees for Election Day and recruiting of precinct workers is ongoing. Currently have 21 of the 50 confirmed for early voting.

Public Comments

Ruth Harris asked when the early voting schedule could be posted on the website. The director indicated that it should be shortly now that the board has unanimously approved the plan.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10:00 am on August 6, 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: AUGUST 6, 2020