

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2020

The scheduled meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 10 am on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Present

Board Members:

Staff Members:

Chair: Sara Champion
Secretary: Lee McMinn
David Morrow
Michael Wainwright*

Director: Jeff Storey

* Remotely via Zoom

Visitors: Kathleen Barnes*

Chair Champion informed the board that Pam Dashiell has resigned effective November 30, 2020. The director indicated the Ruth Harris will submit two names to the NCGOP to replace Ms. Dashiell.

Review and approval of previous minutes

The August 6th minutes were reviewed. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The August 21st minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The September 3rd minutes were reviewed. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The September 25th minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The September 29th minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The October 1st minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The October 13th minutes were reviewed. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The October 16th minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The October 23rd minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The October 27th minutes were reviewed. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.** The November 3rd minutes were reviewed. Chair Champion made a motion to approve. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve. The motion unanimously carried.**

COVID-19 related compensation resolution

The board had asked the director to gather the data for workers put at risk while performing their duties. The director stated the State Board has indicated hazardous duty pay is eligible under the CARES Act for board members, the director, and staff during the election period. The board

discussed at length the factors involved in considering workers for compensation. There was additional discussion on whether board members should be included in the resolution. Secretary McMinn shared his reluctance to include the board members. The other board members understood the concerns but felt the board should be included. **On a motion by Chair Champion, the board unanimously approved the resolution.**

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Protest Hearing

Director Storey updated the board on guidance for the protest hearing. The county attorney, Natalia Isenberg would like to have a closed session meeting with the board prior to the hearing. The director suggested 9 AM tomorrow to allow enough time prior to the hearing for any questions or discussion regarding the procedures. The board agreed. The county attorney will also meet with the board chair via phone link this afternoon. The director will provide the board with relevant numbered memos and supporting documentation for the hearing and will notice the closed session.

BOARD COMMENTS

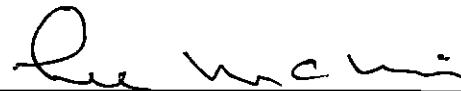
Chair Champion asked the director to give an update on the recount. Director Storey indicated the machine recount in the remaining counties should be finishing up and then the Beasley campaign will have 24 hours to request a hand to eye recount. The State Board has indicated this will likely happen and will involve 3% of precincts per county randomly selected by the State. The director has started contacting counters for availability.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Barnes commented that all time spent by staff and the board were in an at risk environment and that it was appreciated and to stay safe.

On a motion by Mr. Morrow, Chair Champion adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am. The next scheduled meeting will be at 9 AM on December 4, 2020, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee McMinn, Secretary


Sara G. Champion, Chair

David P. Morrow, Member

Michael Wainwright, Member

Approved by Board on: 1/14/2021