

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SUPPLEMENTAL ABSENTEE and PROVISIONAL MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2023

Chair Champion called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

Board Members:	Staff Members:
Chair: Sara Champion	Director: Jeff Storey
Judith West	Deputy Director: Julie Dennis
Sandy Watson	Deputy Director: Laura Owen
Wendy Warwick	
Nona Walker	

Visitors: Herschel Johnson, Kathy Voltz, Barb Jackson

Review and Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Member West, the board unanimously approved the agenda.

Review and Approval of Received Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the board with 7 CIV absentee applications to consider and approve. Absentee envelopes were provided sequentially by how they appeared on the absentee list. **Member Watson made the motion to approve the executed supplemental absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.** Results were recorded on the official supplemental absentee abstracts.

Approved: 7 CIV

Review and Approval of Provisional Applications and Ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the board with the provisional voting reason report and 18 provisional ballots to consider and approve. **Member Warwick made a motion to approve the provisional ballots as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Approved: 18 Provisional Ballots

PUBLIC COMMENTS


There were no public comments.

2024 Primary Early Voting Implementation Plan

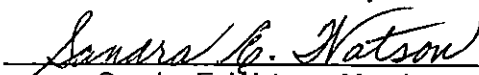
Director Storey provided the board with historical turnout data and election law applicable to early voting. The board expressed concerns with staffing hours and asked the director to elaborate on the administration of workers. The director replied early voting workers are split into two shifts to accommodate the long weekdays. Permanent staff may stagger hours during weekdays if workload allows. Members Watson and Warwick felt historical voter turnout numbers did not warrant being open on the first two Saturdays. Chair Champion agreed with the first Saturday being closed. The director asked the board to consider the potential for congested parking during weekdays when determining weekend hours. Several departments share the parking area and court will utilize the administrative building during some of early voting. Member West asked the director's input regarding the second Saturday. The director felt opening that Saturday was warranted. There was also board discussion over multiple locations versus the Board of Elections office. The board agreed providing multiple sites for the primary was not justified based on turnout within the current mandated site / hours requirements. **On a motion by Member West, the board unanimously approved the early voting implementation plan to include the second Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in addition to the mandated dates and times.**

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 11 a.m. on November 17, 2023, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.


Respectfully submitted,



Judith West, Secretary



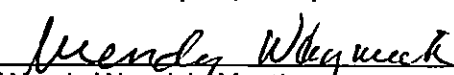
Sandra E. Watson, Member



Nonna Walker, Member



Sara G. Champion, Chair



Wendy Warwick, Member

Approved by Board on: 12-14-2023