

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

CANVASS MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2023

Per § G. S. 163-182.5(b) the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

Board Members:

Staff Members:

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

Voter Challenge

Evidence was provided to the board indicating the challenged voter's rights have not been restored following a felony conviction. The report was verified by the Department of Corrections through the State Board of Elections and confirmed to the county board of elections. The challenged voter was properly notified of the hearing and not present. **On a motion by Chair Champion, the board unanimously sustained the challenge.** The secured ballots from the October 20, 2023 early voting date were unsealed in the presence of the board and the voter's ballot retrieved. The board instructed staff to remove the challenged voter's ballot from the results.

Canvass

The Board conducted the canvass for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election. Director Storey presented the board with a reconciliation of votes cast and ballots cast including a walkthrough of the staff's research and reconciliation processes. The board reviewed and verified the results, ballots casts, and voter history. **Chair Champion made a motion to accept the reconciliation of the votes from the director and execute the official abstract of the election. The motion unanimously passed.**

Board and Public Comment

The board thanked staff for the work accomplished to certify the results were true and accurate.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith West, Secretary

Sara Champion
Sara G. Champion, Chair

Sandra E. Watson
Sandra E. Watson, Member

Wendy Warwick
Wendy Warwick, Member

Nona Walker, Member

Approved by Board on: 12-14-2023