

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2023

Chair Champion called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

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

Visitors: Jeff Brewer, Herschel Johnson.

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brewer stated by the 2024 general election that Transylvania County is projected to have 27,000 registered voters and the board should consider a third early voting site.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

The board reviewed minutes for the previous board meetings. **On a motion by Member Watson, the minutes were unanimously approved.**

Approved: Sept. 14, 2023, Oct. 10, 2023, Oct. 24, 2023, Oct. 31, 2023, Nov. 6, 2023, Nov. 7, 2023, Nov. 16, 2023, Nov. 17, 2023.

Precinct Official Appointments and Modifications

Director Storey provided suggested recommendations for precinct official vacancies for Brevard #2, Brevard #3, Cathey's Creek, Cedar Mountain, Dunn's Rock, East Fork, Little River, Rosman Eastatoe, and TC7, **On a motion by Member West, election day assistants were unanimously approved (attached).** The director emphasized the BD chief judge and PF republican judge will need to be replaced since they filed for board of education seats.

Absentee Board Meeting Schedule

The board reviewed the proposed 2024 primary absentee board meeting schedule. **On a motion by Member Watson, the schedule was unanimously approved.**

Review of Election Service Fees and Reimbursements

The board reviewed the current election worker service fees and reimbursements. **On a motion by Member Warwick, the board unanimously approved the fee schedule (attached).**

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Director Storey provided the 2024 board calendar for review and will generate a separate calendar for a potential 2nd Primary.

The director presented the board with information on the Text My Gov service including its purpose, services provided, and costs. Polk and Surry county are using the service to communicate with voters. The board will monitor the outcomes from other counties to reevaluate if the service is of value in Transylvania. Member West suggested reaching out to the We are Brevard Facebook pages in addition to our existing services.

Director Storey provided updates on the ExpressVote printers. County commissioners approved the funding on December 11 and the purchase will proceed with the expectation they will be available for the primary.

The director held an online presentation with students from the Davidson River School and was asked to come on site in January for a photo ID / voter registration event. Member Warwick suggested checking with the school superintendent for authorization.

Director Storey indicated the next fiscal year budget draft will need to be reviewed in January. The board asked to include general election early voting turnout and costs to aid in the decision process for that budget line item.

BOARD COMMENTS

On a motion by Member Watson, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on January 11, 2024, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith West, Secretary



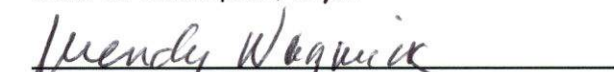
Sandra E. Watson, Member



Nona Walker, Member



Sara G. Champion, Chair



Wendy Warwick, Member

Approved by Board on: JAN 11, 2024