



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Agenda

September 24, 2019

5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comments
5. Preliminary Recommendation of Voting Systems
6. Other Business
7. Closed Session (if necessary)
8. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

The absentee meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the fourth floor Multipurpose Room - A on September 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson Susan Campbell, Secretary Robert Durrah (via telephone), Member Stuart Russell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Monica Gary, Tracy Teal, Adam Clark and Kimberly Stuck

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson Campbell led a moment of silence.

Public Comment Session

Chairperson Campbell called for public comments; noting three minutes would be allotted for each speaker:

Susan Dye – 811 Duckview Ct, Winston Salem, NC 27106

Carolyn Highsmith – 3335 Anderson Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27127

Anne Wilson – 445 Marshall View Ct. Winston Salem, NC 27101

Member Loughridge moved to close public comments; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Preliminary Recommendation of Voting Systems

Director Tsujii presented the Board and the public in attendance with a detailed overview of current voting equipment, current voter statistics, and priorities for consideration in selecting a voting system. Mr. Tsujii provided additional information regarding the procurement timeline; the different voting configurations offered by each of the North Carolina State Board of Elections certified vendors. Director Tsujii provided insight on the need for security and Forsyth County's election processes that are in place to ensure the security of the voting process and votes cast. Mr. Tsujii noted the equipment needs for Early Voting as well as Election Day, cost analysis on paper ballot print requirements, usage and storage requirements as well as additional expenses. Director Tsujii provided a detailed analysis of each vendor's equipment costs as well as extensive information regarding the logistical and administrative needs for the Board's consideration.

Catherine Jourdan moved to recess for 5 minutes; Member Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m. Chairperson Campbell reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Following the presentation, the Board considered the information provided by Director Tsujii, staff, public comments, their independent research as well as the information obtained through the public

demonstration for an extensive discussion regarding the needs of Forsyth County voters, staff, poll workers, as well as budgetary constraints. Additionally, the Board discussed at length the equipment differences, peripherals, expendables, and longevity of the equipment. Chairperson Campbell called for a recommendation; Member Russell moved to recommend ES & S (Election Systems & Software) noting that he was impressed with all three vendors; Member Loughridge seconded recommendation; Chairperson Campbell called for a response from Secretary Durrah, he affirmed; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented Chairperson Campbell with the Resolution to Preliminarily Recommend to the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners the Adoption and Acquisition of Voting Equipment to be read and signed.

Adjournment

Member Russell moved to adjourn the Board meeting; Member Loughridge seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell
Member

s/ John Loughridge
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan
Member