

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PROVISIONAL/ABSENTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2020

The scheduled meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 10 am on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Present

Board Members:

Staff Members:

Chair:	Sara Champion	Director:	Jeff Storey
Secretary:	Lee McMinn	Deputy Director:	Laura Owen
	David Morrow	Deputy Director:	Bria Bailey
	Pam Dashiell		
	Michael Wainwright		

Visitors: None

Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the board with the attached list of supplemental absentee applications to consider and approve. There were 24 absentee ballots received by the deadline with proper postmarks. **Secretary McMinn made the motion to approve 19 civilian absentee applications and 5 overseas absentee applications. The motion unanimously carried.**

Review and Count of Provisional Ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the board with 99 Provisional applications. 1 ID not provided, 3 incorrect party, 14 out of precinct, 5 no record of registration, 2 previously removed, and 1 unreported move were recommended for approval. 40 incorrect party, 25 no record of registration, and 8 previously removed were not recommended for approval with research and reasons provided. **Chair Champion made a motion to approve the 26 provisional applications as presented by staff. The motion unanimously passed.** The Board processed the 26 provisional ballots. There were 26 approved and 73 not approved for a total of 99.

DIRECTOR UPDATES

COVID-19

Director Storey informed the board he has filled out a continuity of operations plan and submitted it to the county. The State Board has also received a copy as concerns grow over the coronavirus. Mr. Morrow asked how many counties are having a runoff election. The director stated there were 11 counties in District 11 that will have the runoff on May 12, 2020. Chair Champion asked if an election by mail only option could be considered. The director was not

sure the emergency powers gave the State Board that capability but would ask. Staffing workers could be a concern for in-person voting.

The director updated the board on the feedback from the Chief Judge debriefing. Generally, there were no major issues. Some confusion with training was mentioned, but given the short timetable with new voting equipment, it was understandable. The board agreed. Chief Judges liked the new chain of custody form and the pre-numbered ATV stickers which made it easier to reconcile at the end of the night. Outlying precincts were reluctant to have runners due to the drive to the Election Center. The director will look at rovers/support staff becoming runners for the TC7, TC1, and Rosman locations. Perforations on the Election Day ballots were hard to tear off. The director will give that feedback to the vendor.

Board and Public Comments

Mr Morrow asked about the Porter Center availability for the run-off election. Director Storey indicated he contacted Beverly Smith regarding that and is awaiting confirmation. Mr. Wainwright asked who was eligible to vote in the run-off. The director stated all Republicans, unaffiliated voters who chose a Republican ballot, and unaffiliated voters who did not vote in the March primary.

There were no further comments.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am. The next scheduled meeting will be at 11 am on March 13, 2020, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712 to canvass the primary.

Respectfully submitted,



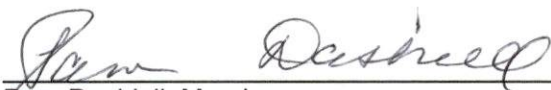
Lee McMinn, Secretary



Sara G. Champion, Chair



David P. Morrow, Member



Pam Dashiell, Member

Michael Wainwright, Member

Approved by Board on: May 7, 2020