TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL ABS / PROVISIONAL MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022, 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	
	Sandy Watson	Deputy Director:	Julie Dennis	
•	Wendy Warwick			
	Judith West			

Visitors: Herschel Johnson

Review and Approval of Agenda

Chair Champion asked for a review of the agenda. There were no amendments to the agenda. Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Count of Provisional Ballots

Deputy Director Owen provided the board with 59 provisional ballot applications. Reasons with 15 incorrect precinct, 1 no record of registration, 11 previously removed, 7 geocode issue, and 4 unreported move were recommended for approval. Reasons with 14 no record of registration and 7 previously removed were not recommended for approval with research and explanations provided. Deputy Director Owen presented the research to the board for each category. The board held discussions over each category before determining the disposition of the ballot applications. There were lengthy discussions over researching no record of registrations with Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) data. Member Warwick asked about DMV Real ID procedures and driver's license verification for non-citizens. Member West suggested that was a topic for the legislature rather than the county board of elections. The Board discussed former felons and registration. Member West asked if there was a formal process to inform released individuals of their restoration of voting rights. There was no further discussion. Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve the 38 provisional applications as presented by staff. The motion unanimously passed. The Board and staff processed the 38 provisional ballots. There were 38 approved, and 21 not approved.

Supplemental Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the board with the attached list of supplemental absentee applications to consider and approve. There were 78 CIV, 5 OVR, and 1 MIL absentee ballots received by the deadline with proper postmarks. **Member West made the motion to approve**

78 civilian absentee applications, 5 overseas applications and 1 military application. The motion unanimously carried. 2 CIV absentee ballots were spoiled upon opening due to the ballot not matching the application.

Approved: 76 CIV 1 MIL 5 OVR

DIRECTOR UPDATES

The director provided the board with an overview of the canvassing process for tomorrow's meeting where voter history, ballot and vote reconciliations will be presented before certifying the election results.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 11 a.m. on November 18, 2022, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712 to canvass the 2022 General Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee McMinn, Secretary

Sara G. Champion, Chair

Sandra E. Watson, Member

Wendy Warwick Member

Approved by Board on: 11-18-2022