

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2024

Chair Champion called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024, 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: Deda Edney, Barb Jackson, Kathy Voltz

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS : Ms. Jackson asked about the validity of voter registration forms sent from the Center for Voter Information. The Board responded 3rd party mailings are allowed provided the voter's information is not prefilled.

Ms. Voltz asked for information on the absentee by mail processes and clarification on college student registrations. Chair Champion replied that numbered memos regarding the absentee processes are available on the State Board's website along with information on college students. The director added that Brevard College student IDs are now acceptable forms of photo ID and that students can choose to remain registered at their home of record or register at the college they reside in, but not both.

Review and Approval of previous minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for August 8, 2024. Member West had a modification to the comments on the library field trip presentation. The director will update the line and provide it to the Board at the next meeting for signature. **On a motion by Member West, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.**

Early Voting and Election Day worker appointments

Director Storey submitted a list of additional assistants recommended for Election Day in B2, B3, B4, BD, CM, and RE. **On a motion by Member Watson, the Board unanimously approved the appointments for Election Day.** The director provided an additional recommended assistant for early voting. **On a motion by Member Walker, the Board unanimously approved the appointment for early voting.**

Absentee by Mail Procedural Review

Director Storey reviewed the absentee by mail procedures with the Board. Absentee by mail meetings begin October 1st. Director Storey asked the Board if they wished to delegate non quasi-judicial administrative tasks to staff for this election. **On a motion by Member Warwick, the Board unanimously approved delegating non quasi-judicial administrative tasks to staff during absentee board meetings.**

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Director Storey indicated there are 486 absentee by mail ballots that are ready to be mailed tomorrow pending a ruling by the court on RFK Jr.'s request to be removed from the ballot. The director will keep the Board informed on the status.

The director stated coding is anticipated to be available mid-September and staff are aiming to start logic and accuracy testing the week of September 23rd.

Director Storey reminded the Board of training dates for precinct, OVRD, and chief judges. The director indicated chief judge training on October 22nd will have to be split into two trainings to accommodate schedules around early voting.

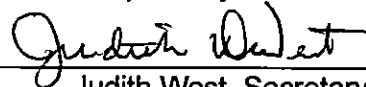
The director has received multiple questions from the public regarding noncitizens and discussed the registration process with the Board.

Director Storey informed the Board of the Homeland Security onsite security assessment that was conducted on August 20th and invited board members to review the report individually at their convenience or the Board could go into closed session to discuss. The Board elected to review the findings individually at this time.


There was no further business by the Board.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 3 p.m. on October 1, 2024, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith West, Secretary



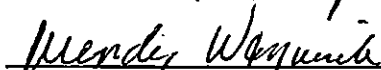
Sandra E. Watson, Member



Nona Walker, Member



Sara G. Champion, Chair



Wendy Warwick, Member

Approved by Board on: 10-8-2024