

## **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Ken Raymond**  
Chairman

**Stuart Russell**  
Secretary

**Fleming El-Amin**  
Member



**Tim Tsujii**  
Director

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Agenda**

**November 30, 2016 – 10 a.m.**

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4. Moment of Silence
5. Public Comments
6. Approval of Provisional Ballots
7. Re-Mark of Partially Counted Provisional Ballots
8. Tabulation of Absentee Ballots, One-Stop Curbside Ballots, & Provisional Ballots
9. Report on Reconciliation of Votes
10. Certification of Election Results
11. Closed Session (If needed)
12. Adjournment

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2016 – 10 a.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor meeting room on November 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Chairman Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Joyner, Chris Duffey, Monica Gary and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: Assistant County Attorney – Lonnie Albright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Raymond called for public comments; none present.

Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments, Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Provisional Ballots**

Director Tsujii stated that to present 432 Provisional ballots had been received and that the staff was in the process of completing the tally for those that were unapproved, full and partially approved. Mr. Tsujii presented 307 Provisional ballots for approval, he provided the following breakdown:

- 140 – Due to no record at the time of voting
- 29 – Previously removed – inactive after two Federal Elections
- 87 – Unreported move
- 32 – Incorrect precinct but correct ballot style
- 13 – Showed previously voted in poll book but it was in error.
- 3 – Attempted to do Same Day Registration without documentation presented.
- 3 – Addresses were not recognized by the system; staff verified eligibility

Chairman Raymond called for any questions; Secretary Russell requested clarification on the Provisional ballots with no record. Director Tsujii stated that the poll books only have current registered voters listed and if a voter appeared at their new location their name would not be listed. Chairman Raymond inquired about duplicates; Mr. Tsujii stated that there was one but it was an administrative error at the precinct. Member El-Amin thanked Director Tsujii and the

staff on being meticulous. Member El-Amin motioned to accept staff recommendations; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii presented two Provisional ballots with voters which had already voted. Mr. Tsujii stated that the staff were unable to determine if the voter had voted or not and requested the Board to review and make a determination. Chairman Raymond motioned to accept the One-Stop application and deny the Provisional application of the first of two; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** The Board reviewed the second Provisional ballot, Member El-Amin motioned to accept the One-Stop application and deny the Provisional ballot; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tsujii presented 123 Provisional ballots for partial approval; 83 – Out of Precinct, incorrect voting place, 40 – Removed after two Federal Elections, unreported move, and incorrect ballot style; Member El-Amin motioned to accept staff recommendations; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board and Director Tsujii remarked partially approved Provisional ballots for tabulation.

Director Tsujii present the Board with 678 Provisional ballots for disapproval with a breakdown of:

- 26 – After deadline
- 68 – Removed
- 526 – Not Registered
- 20 – Out of County 30 days
- 20 – No ID (No documentation presented for Same Day Registration)
- 3 – Already voted
- 15 – Denied status (List maintenance – Undeliverable)

Secretary Russell motioned to accept staff recommendations; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Tabulation of Absentee Ballots, One-Stop Curbside Ballots, & Provisional Ballots**

Director Tsujii presented several items to the Board noting that the Write-Ins will have to be processed; along with 28 curbside ballots, 22 Provisional ballots previously approved, and nine partially counted. Mr. Tsujii stated that the Poll workers were able to retrieve the provisional ballots, but noted that would remain separate.

Mr. Tsujii presented the Board with a ballot that was treated as a Provisional instead of a Same Day Registration and an additional two Provisional ballots which were unreported moves; for a total of 1584 total Provisional ballots.

Ms. Gary presented 15 Absentee ballots with remarks due to Military/Overseas nature.

Member El-Amin motioned to recess for one hour; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond reconvened the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

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The Board and Director Tsujii completed the tally for the Write-In votes. Director Tsujii gave an overview of the totals to include November 18, 2016 and November 22, 2016 to include present totals: Green Party Presidential candidate – Jill Stein 449 votes, Winston Salem Mayoral candidate – Joanne Allen 3167 votes, and North Carolina Commissioner of Labor candidate – Brian “BK” Wayne zero votes tallied.

Director Tsujii shared the legal order provided by the State Board of Elections regarding discounted ballots and that those would be added back to totals. Three ballots were found to have previously been discounted and to be included in totals. Member El-Amin motioned to include the reinstated ballots; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Tsujii went over office procedures for handling Same Day Registration; Mr. Tsujii provided the Board with the Absentee Abstract from Election night, November 18, 2016, and November 22, 2016 for signature. The Board was also presented with the reports showing final results. Director Tsujii and Mr. Duffey manually updated the Write-In totals to enable the report to be run. Member El-Amin read for those in attendance the results for Timothy (Tim) Disher, the results for the School Bond referendum. Secretary Russell read the resolution for the record and motioned to approve bond results as stated; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Member El-Amin read the results for the Tobaccoville recall; Secretary Russell signed the resolution and motioned to forward results to the Commissioners; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Raymond motioned to certify the results of the November 8, 2016 election; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Closed Session**

Chairman Raymond inquired of need for closed session; none provided.

Member El-Amin called for a Point of Privilege and thanked Director Tsujii and staff.

Chairman Raymond commended Director Tsujii and staff for handling the high turn-out Election with professionalism.

Secretary Russell mirrored sentiments of Member El-Amin and Chairman Raymond.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Raymond called to adjourn; Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Approved:

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Ken Raymond, Chair

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Date

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Stuart Russell, Secretary

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Date

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Fleming El-Amin, Member

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Date