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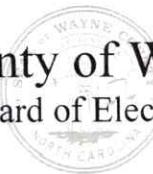
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County Canvass

March 15, 2024

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman

Jimmy E. Hull, Member

Linda Farmer, Member

Anne Risku, Director

Nicki T. Artis, Secretary

Charles Wright, Member

Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time and a quorum was present. Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of the March 15, 2024 Agenda

1. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to approve the March 15, 2024 meeting agenda. Mr. Hull seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

II. Ballot Challenge Hearing

1. Mr. Edwards opened the Ballot Challenge Hearing of Mr. Armax Thompson. Ms. Risku presented the Board with documentation showing that Mr. Thompson voted via Same Day Registration during Early Voting but failed the mail verification process. Staff attempted to contact Mr. Thompson about how to satisfy the verification process prior to canvass but were unsuccessful.
2. Mr. Edwards asked if Mr. Thompson was present for his hearing and received no response.
3. Mr. Hull made a motion to sustain the challenge. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

III. Signing of the Final Pollbook of Absentee Voters

1. The Board signed the *Final Pollbook of Absentee Voters*.

IV. Canvass of the March 5, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election

1. The Board reviewed the Canvass documents. Mr. Wright made a motion to Canvass the March 5, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

V. Early Voting Schedule: May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election

1. Ms. Risku presented the Board with a recommended schedule, statutes, and historical data on turnout. The Board discussed the proposed schedule.
2. Public Comment: Barbara Dantonio, 152 Parks Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27530, stated she supported the plan presented by Ms. Risku.
3. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election Early Voting schedule as presented: 8am-5pm April 25-26, April 29-May 3, and May 6-10, and 8am-3pm on May 11. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

VI. Public Comment

1. Barbara Dantonio, 152 Parks Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27530, thanked everyone for a job well done. She stated that she visited many sites throughout the voting period and saw no issues.

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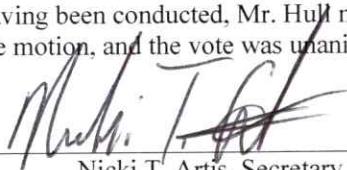
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VII. Board Comments

1. Mr. Artis thanked staff for their hard work.
2. Mr. Hull was grateful for staff and Precinct Officials' commitment to the process.
3. Mrs. Farmer appreciated gaining a different perspective on elections administration.
4. Mr. Wright thanked staff, precinct officials, and voters for maintaining order in the polling places.
5. Mr. Edwards thanked staff and Precinct Officials for their dedication to making democracy happen in Wayne County.

VIII. Adjournment

1. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The Board adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary