

COUNTY OF CARTERET BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1702 Live Oak Street, Beaufort, NC 28516
Absentee Meeting 1 Minutes, September 29, 2020
4:00PM

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Susan Cuthrell called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Board Members Present: Chair Susan Cuthrell, Vice Chair Jeanette Deese, Secretary Dale Gillikin, Member Marjorie Holland, and Member Gerald Godette

Staff Members Present: Director Caitlin Sabadish and Deputy Director Margot Burke

Others Present: Mary Boughton, Norma Hall, Ralph Hall, Victoria Block, Rebecca Brooks, and Elise Clouser

Virtual Attendees: Jackie Starkey, Tina Rodriguez, Carol Geer, Charles Llewellyn, and Helene Kelly

II. Adopt Resolution Delegating Duties

Director Sabadish presented a resolution delegating the administrative duties by the Carteret County Board of Elections staff to conduct preparatory steps prior to the absentee board meeting, in compliance with § G.S. 163-35 Subchapter VII Absentee Voting and as outlined in Numbered Memo 2020-25. Secretary Gillikin made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Godette seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

III. Review and Recommendation of 1,588 civilian, 23 military, and 38 overseas absentee ballots

Staff presented one thousand five hundred eighty-eight (1,588) civilian, twenty-three (23) military, and thirty-eight (38) overseas absentee ballots for Board approval. The Board began reviewing the recommended absentee ballots. None of the ballot envelopes were open. At 6:57PM on September 29, 2020 the Board recessed the absentee meeting and planned to resume at 2:00PM on September 30, 2020 to finish reviewing and tabulating the ballots recommended for approval.

The Board reconvened at 2:00PM on September 30, 2020 to review the presented absentee ballots. In reviewing the civilian absentee ballots, the Board found four (4) with return envelope deficiencies and advised staff to enter them into the cure process; staff agreed. The beginning count on the DS200 was zero (0). Vice Chair Deese made a motion to approve one thousand five hundred eighty-four (1,584) civilian, twenty-three (23) military, and thirty-eight (38) overseas absentee ballots. Member Godette seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Staff replaced the ballot bin when the DS200 reached seven hundred ninety-seven (797) and placed seal number 3667367 on ballot box number one (1). The ending number on the DS200 was one thousand six hundred forty-five (1,645).

IV. Adjourned

Secretary Gillikin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Chair Cuthrell and the motion was passed unanimously.

Susan Cuthrell, Chair

Jeanette Deese, Vice Chair

Dale Gillikin, Secretary

Marjorie Holland, Member

Gerald Godette, Member