

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
Chair

**Michael Flatow**  
Secretary

**Jonathan S. Dills**  
Member



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 15, 2012 PRIMARY CANVASS DAY

### Call to Order

The 2012 Primary Canvass Meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on May 15, 2012. The meeting convened at 11:17 AM, Chairman Linda Sutton presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Linda Sutton, Secretary Michael Flatow, Member Jonathan Dills

Staff Members in attendance: Director Robert Coffman, Lamar Joyner, Judy Speas

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Sutton requested that the Board review the minutes of May 8, 2012. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012. Motion carried.

### Guest Discussion

Chairman Sutton thanked several guests for attending and allowed discussion of several election issues with the Board. These were:

Terry Schupbach-Gordon – regarding an absentee ballot returned after the deadline and curbside voting at Messiah Moravian Church.

Bruce Peller – regarding the abstracts of the Election Certification.

Gardenia Henley – regarding the Election abstracts and media results.

Bobby Wilson – provision of sign language posters and Second Primary date.

### Hand/Eye Audit

Chairman Sutton suggested that the staff should conduct the mandatory hand/eye audit with the Board in attendance in the adjoining storage room. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to conduct the hand/eye audit. Motion carried. The purpose of the audit is to compare the number of actual paper ballots against the Election Night vote total. Precinct 015 – Southeast Middle School (559 votes) and Precinct 801 – Polo Park Rec Center (423 votes) were randomly chosen by the State Board for the hand/eye audit after the Primary Election. The ballot item chosen to be audited was the Constitutional Amendment. The ballots were removed from the sealed ballot boxes. Two tables with teams of three workers each were assembled to complete the hand/eye audit. Both teams marked each precinct reconciliation tally sheet with fence posting to record all votes. Both Precincts 015 and 801 vote totals matched exactly with the Election Night report.

**Absentee Ballot Report**

The Staff recommended 316 supplemental absentee ballots for approval and 5 for disapproval. Absentee mailed ballots are approved if postmarked by the day of the election and received by three days after the election. Member Dills moved and Secretary Flatow seconded to approve the recommendation of absentee ballots by staff. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Coffman proceeded to process the supplemental absentee ballots on the M650 ballot tabulator with the Board members present.

**Certification of Primary Election**

The Board examined the 2012 Primary Election Abstract of Votes document after all additional ballots were processed. Secretary Flatow moved and Member Dills seconded the motion to certify the 2012 Primary Election results to be official. Motion carried unanimously. The Board signed the Abstract of Votes document which would be mailed to the NC State Board of Elections, the Clerk of Superior Court and retained at the county board of elections for the official results of the Election.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Sutton moved and Secretary Flatow seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be held in the Cooper Cardwell Elections Room on May 31, 2012, at 11:00 AM.

Approved:

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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Michael Flatow, Secretary

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Date

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Jonathan S. Dills, Member

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**Attachments on File:** none