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FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 WINSTON-SALEM PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Meeting Called to Order

A 2013 Winston-Salem Primary Election Day meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was held in the elections storage room on September 10, 2013. The meeting convened at 5:07 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

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

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

Others in attendance: Jonathan Dills

Unaffiliated Petition of Apostle T. Sackcloth 2004

Mr. Coffman presented the Board members with two letters from Apostle T. Sackcloth 2004 who is seeking nomination as Mayor of Winston-Salem for the 2013 Municipal General Election by the unaffiliated petition process. He explained that Mr. Sackcloth 2004 requested that the petition filing deadline of September 20, 2013 be extended to October 10, 2013. However, per NCGS 163-296, Nomination by petition, it was agreed that the deadline is statutorily set. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion that Mr. Coffman contact Mr. Sackcloth 2004 to verify that the deadline for unaffiliated candidates to file petitions can not be extended by statute. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Coffman also explained that Mr. Sackcloth 2004 requested in the second letter that his petition forms be placed in the lobby at the Board of Elections for retrieval by the public. Mr. Coffman stated that, by statute, political activity may not occur in the Board of Elections office even though it is a public facility. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion that the request was inappropriate and that Mr. Coffman should contact Mr. Sackcloth 2004 and state that his unaffiliated petition forms may not be located in the Board of Elections office for the public use. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mail Absentee Ballot Issue

Mr. Coffman discussed the result of two returned absentee ballots that had requested the mailing address of Benjamin Parker. After referral, the State Board of Elections recommended the approval of the two absentee ballots that had been placed in pending status. The investigation of a possible fraudulent act of the candidate was also referred to the State Board of Elections. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded that the Board members should follow the decision of the State Board and to approve the

two returned absentee ballots that had used the Parker mailing address. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Absentee Ballots Returned

Mr. Chunn recommended 83 absentee ballots for approval and four absentee ballots for disapproval in the Winston-Salem Primary Election weekly report. The reasons for disapproval were explained. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation of returned absentee ballots in the weekly report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board members supervised the tabulation procedure of the pre-processed absentee ballots on the M650 ballot counter in order to tally the results for Election night. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to recess the meeting to a time certain at 7:30 PM that night in the elections storage room. **Motion carried unanimously** and the board recessed at 5:50 PM.

Call to Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM in the elections storage room on Election night. Board members viewed the process as precinct election results were returned and uploaded to the website.

Adjournment

Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Date

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Attachments on File: Apostle T. Sackcloth 2004 letters