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Meeting Minutes · Election Day Meeting · March 5, 2024 · 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Edward E. Lewis, Secretary Stuart Smith, Member Paula Clarity, Member Randy Pelton, and Member Timothy M. Randall

Board Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere, Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton, Elections Computer Technician Butch Johnson, Election Logistics Technician Ryan Childress, and Absentee Assistant Camdyn Johnson

Bipartisan Duplication Team Present: Christy Souter, Julie Paladino

Meeting Opening

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Randall made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Absentee Ballots

There are 49 ballots for the board's consideration.

- 44 Civilian ballots; one of these is a Bald Head Island ballot that will be opened separately to ensure both ballot sheets were received.
- Two Affidavit Review Pending Civilian ballots with a properly executed Photo ID Exception Form

Board members each reviewed at least two ballots.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve 46 Civilian ballots as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- One military ballot recommended for approval that was received electronically and duplicated by the bipartisan team.

Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the one military ballot as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- Two Civilian ballots are recommended for disapproval as they were returned with incomplete witness information. Ballots have been spoiled and voters have been contacted with option to vote in person tomorrow.

Mr. Smith made a motion to disapprove two ballots with incomplete witness information. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson verified the seal from the vDrive storage container as 33118393.

Mr. Johnson opened the central scanner.

The bipartisan team opened the approved ballots and removed ballots to be scanned. Mr. Johnson announced the total number of ballots scanned as 597 ballots scanned; matching what was scanned at the close of the March 4 meeting.

Mr. Johnson announced that 47 ballots were scanned at today's meeting. That was confirmed to be the number of ballots approved.

The ballots were placed in a bin and sealed, with seals signed by Mr. Randall and Mr. Pelton. The secure vDrive was placed in a storage container and sealed. The following vote count and seal numbers were logged.

- Ballot count: 644 total
- Ballot bin: 2617010 and 2617009

Ms. Rushton obtained board signatures on absentee poll books.

Closing of Verity Central Scan

Mr. Johnson obtained results from Central Scan of absentee ballots. He also closed the Verity Scans from One-Stop and obtained those results.

Summary of Absentee for Release at Close of Polls:

Absentee by Mail Summary

Absentee by Mail	Verity Central Scan Total	Executed Absentee Report
Civilian		626
Military		6
Overseas		12
Absentee TOTAL	644	644

Closing of Verity Scans from Early Voting Locations

At the close of polls, 7:30, Mr. Johnson closed Verity Scans from Early Voting Locations.

The handle seal numbers on each scanner were compared with the seal number which was logged by precinct officials at the end of early voting. The vDrive seal number was compared with the seal placed on the Verity Scan during Logic and Accuracy testing.

Results media was imported into the Verity Count system. From the Verity Count system, there were transferred to the networked computer and uploaded to the State Board of Elections using a new, unopened thumb drive.

Board members signed results tapes from each Verity Scan.

Early Voting Summary

Location	Verity Scan Total (As reported)	Executed Early Votes Report	Signed Early Voting Applications	Security Seal Number	Handle Seal Number
Bolivia	1,270	1,270	1,270	0491993	35059006
Shalotte	3,410	3,410	3,410	0491986	35059007
Leland	4,409	4,409	4,409	0491992	35059008
Sunset Beach	2,262	2,262	2,262	0491191	35059005
Southport	3,993	3,993	3,993	0492000	35059009
Early Voting TOTAL	15,344	15,344	15,344		

Precinct Results

When all precincts had reported, and tabulations were complete, the unofficial results of the 2024 primary election were announced.

Adjournment

Mr. Pelton made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.