

Columbus County Board of Elections

Canvass Meeting

Friday, November 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, Jeffery Register, Chairman called the Columbus County Board of Elections meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Jeffery Register, Chairman

Lynn Fairfax, Member

Lynne Thompson, Secretary

Wanda Brooks, Member

Ashley Collins, Director

Frederick Meekins, Member

Agenda Items #3 and #4: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- Invocation – Mr. Fairfax
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept agenda as presented. Mrs. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6: Voter Challenge

There were 4 voter challenges, one for the wrong person selected voting during early voting, and 3 for being deceased before election day and voting an absentee ballot. First challenge was for Wanda Loretta Brown she voted on October 18, 2024 during early voting at Ransom's Early Voting Site when she voted the name selected was Wanda Louise Brown. The office contact Wanda Loretta Brown to inform she voted under the wrong person and the wrong ballot to go back to Ransom and vote a provisional to be given the correct ballot and she did on November 14, 2024 during the provisional meeting her correct ballot was approved as well as Wanda Louise Brown she also came to CCBOE early voting site and voted with a provisional. During Voter challenge the incorrect ballot Mrs. Brown voted was pulled and deducted from count. The motion to pull the ballot was made from Mr. Fairfax and seconded by Mrs. Thompson and the motion was passed. The other 3 challenges were for Mr. John Hardwick, Mrs. Margaret Hewett, and Mr. Joseph Hinson these 3 voted and absentee by mail ballot and passed away before Election Day. A motion was made by Mr. Meekins to not accept John Hardwick ballot and

seconded by Mr. Fairfax and the motion was passed. Mr. Meekins made a motion to not accept Mrs. Margaret Hewett ballot and seconded by Mrs. Thompson and the motion was passed. Mr. Meekins to not accept Mr. Joseph Hinson ballot seconded by Mr. Fairfax and the motion was passed. After the motion was passed for all 4 voter challenges Ms. Collins asked the board to call a recess so the ballots could be pulled and deducted for the count and she could finish finalizing election the board agreed and went to recess at 11:29am the board resumed at 2:14pm.

Agenda Item #7: Finalize General Election for November 05, 2024

Ms. Collins made corrections and gave board print out of election after reviewing Mr. Fairfax made a motion to finalize the election. Mrs. Thompson seconded and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item # 8: Approval of Overtime for Director

Ms. Collins presented the board with her overtime hours worked from went poll worker training begin to the finalization of the election this was 143.5 hours. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to accept the overtime hours for Ms. Collins. Mr. Meekins seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #9: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Thompson seconded and the motion passed to adjourn at 2:24 pm.

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