

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Supplemental/Regularly Scheduled November Meeting
Board of Elections Conference Room
November 17, 2022
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Member Dyatt Smathers; Member Brian Ball (present on Friday November 18 when the meeting was resumed) County Attorney Donny Laws; Jacob Ray, Director and one member of the public.

Agenda:

Motion (DS, RL) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed (3-0).

Minutes Approval:

Motion (BB, DS) to approve November 7 & November 8 meeting minutes.

Members Reports:

Member Smathers read Elizabeth Madorin's obituary: Elizabeth Marie Madorin, 52, of Mars Hill, NC passed away peacefully on Friday, November 11th, 2022 at home. She had been recently diagnosed with advanced liver disease and inoperable cancer, but she was surrounded by love, even in her final moments. Elizabeth was able to say goodbye to several family members: her mother and father, Phyllis and Fred Madorin of Harrisburg, NC and her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Jeanne Madorin of Harrisburg, NC. Elizabeth is also survived by her brother Alvin "Pat" Madorin (and partner Carol Crowell) of Orchard Park, NY. Elizabeth was immensely proud of the nephews she left behind: David (and wife Virginia) Madorin, of Kannapolis, and Steven (and wife Krista) Madorin of Concord.

She left behind her "family of choice", Shawna and Jay Bryce, of Mars Hill, NC; Rebekah Byrd and Alex Kramer and their sons (Elizabeth's godsons) Jebediah and Judah, of Marshall, NC.

Elizabeth spent her entire life in public service. In college, she worked for YMCA and Latchkey services. Then she worked as a Spanish teacher in Missouri and in North Carolina. Upon moving to Western North Carolina, she worked at a private school for girls followed by a grant-sponsored position at the Madison County Public Libraries. Her most recent service to the public was as the Deputy Director of the Madison County Board of Elections.

Elizabeth had a keen sense of humor and was known for regaling classrooms and offices alike with her infamous "dad jokes." She loved making people laugh and found quiet ways to share her heart with those she loved.

In keeping with Elizabeth's final wishes, no funeral services will be held. Her ashes will be scattered in various places commemorating her love for travel and her adventurous spirit.

Member Smathers thanked the Director and office staff Kathy Ray and Dean Benfield for their hard work during this election.

Chair Wallin complimented the director and staff on their work during this election.

Secretary Lewis thanked the Director and staff for their hard work.

Director's Report:

The Director requested that the board allow him to open sealed voted ballots from the Sandy Mush precinct and retrieve a ballot marked "Provisional." Member Smathers made a motion to allow the director to do so and Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0.)

Motion (DS, JW) to conduct a manual edit to subtract the totals from the retrieved provisional ballot and the motion passed (3-0).

Preparatory Steps to Count Supplemental Absentee Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody. Board members verified the public count of zero.

NEW BUSINESS

Supplemental Absentee Ballots' Approval for November 17, 2022, Meeting:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots:

- Beech Glen Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **five** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).
- Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **five** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed (3-0).
- Grapevine Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **six** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).
- Hot Springs Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **three** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed (3-0).
- Laurel Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **two** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).
- Mars Hill Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **six** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).
- North Marshall Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **six** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).
- Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **one** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed (3-0).
- South Marshall Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **six** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed (3-0).
- Spring Creek Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **three** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed (3-0).

BALLOT DUPLICATION

Member Smathers marked the ballots while member Wallin called the contests for duplication purposes.

Preparatory Steps to Count Provisional Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody. Board members verified the public count of zero.

Provisional Ballot Approval/Denial for November 17, 2022 Meeting:

The Board reviewed a total of ninety-two provisional applications.

- The board approved (DS, JW) fifty-four provisional applications. Approval of applications were unanimous by the board (3-0).
- The Board denied (DS, JW) thirty-eight applications. Denial of applications were unanimously approved by the board (3-0).

BALLOT DUPLICATION

Member Smathers marked the ballots while member Wallin called the contests for duplication purposes.

Motion (DS, JW) to recess until 2:00 p.m. for lunch. The motion passed (3-0).

Motion (RL, JW) to return to session at 2:00 p.m. The motion passed (3-0)

Motion (DS, JW) to add agenda item Preliminary Consideration for School Board District Two Candidate Monica Olnhäusen. The motion passed (3-0).

Motion (DS, JW) to recess the meeting until Friday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. The motion passed (3-0).

PREPARATORY STEPS TO SECURE COUNTED BALLOTS

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody.

Board members verified the public count of forty-three for the Supplemental Absentee DS200 tabulator and the public count of fifty-four for the Provisional DS200 tabulator.

Voted ballots were sealed and secured for storage.

The board closed the DS200 tabulators, and the director imported and uploaded the supplemental and provisional results.

Preliminary Consideration for School Board Chair Candidate Melissa Sluder's filed protest.

Motion (DS, BB) to accept and consider protest filed by School Board Chair Candidate Mellissa Sluder. The motion passed (4-0).

The board discussed and considered Ms. Sluder's protest.

Motion (DS, BB) to dismiss the protest due to a lack of evidence provided by the protestor. The motion passed (4-0).

Preliminary Consideration for School Board District Two Candidate Monica Olmhausen.

Motion (BB, DS) to accept and consider protest filed by School Board District Two Candidate Mellissa Sluder. The motion passed (4-0).

The board discussed and considered Ms. Olmhausen's protest.

Motion (BB, DS) to dismiss the protest due to a lack of evidence provided by the protestor. The motion passed (4-0).

Motion (DS, BB) to allow the chair to sign the orders for each protest heard this day. The motion passed (4-0).

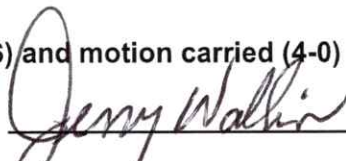
Public Comment:

A member of the public requested a copy of the minutes and protests filed.

Motion (DS, BB) to recess the meeting until 10:50 a.m. The motion passed (4-0).

Motion (DS, BB) to return to session at 10:50 a.m. The motion passed (4-0).

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. (RL, DS) and motion carried (4-0)



Jerry Wallin, Chair



Ray Lewis, Secretary