

August 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Invocation -

The meeting was called to order on August 16, 2022 at 05:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections by the Secretary.

Present: Billy King - Member
Linda Devore - Member
Helen Nelson - Chair (by phone)

James Baker - Member
Irene Grimes - Secretary

Staff: Angela Amaro, Vickie Hillburn, Bill Helms

Guests: Rick Moorefield, Adam Boyar, Charles MCKellar, G.Milton Richardson, Sally Shutt

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the agenda be amended to remove item VII (closed session).

Second: Member King

Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment:

1. Adam Beyah, 105 Bryce Creek Lane, Fayetteville, NC: represents "Vote No Fayetteville" committee and asks that petition be "thrown out".
2. Charles McKellar, 313 Wareham Court, Fayetteville, NC: Wants to know what the process is for "Vote Yes Fayetteville" and what the current status is.
3. D. Milton Richardson, 1907 Ernest Street, Fayetteville, NC: is concerned about the petition, because he received a letter saying his brother had signed the petition but his brother had not. Matter was referred to the State Board and the State Board is investigating. He will follow up with the State Board regarding his brother's signature but if there is one fraudulent signature on it, do we really believe that that is the only one?

ACTION: Member King moves that the minutes for July 12, 2022 be approved.

Second: Member Baker

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Moorefield briefs the Board on the status of the "Vote Yes Petition". He explains that the City Attorney asked whether there was a "Notice of Circulation" & a "Petition Request Form" in the file and also whether the petition is valid. Mr. Moorefield prepared a response and the Interim Director transmitted it to the City Attorney. The response from Interim Director Amaro is that neither a document identified as a Notice of Circulation nor NC Petition Request was filed in the County Board of Elections Office. As to the second question, the County Board of Elections Office verified that 5,009 of the signatures submitted were qualified and that is my certification, and that the petition is to the City of Fayetteville so they will decide whether it is valid.

Secretary Grimes asks whether the County Board's only responsibility in this case is to verify that the signatures on the petition are valid signatures and whether the petition is to the City Council, so the County Board verifies/validates the signature and then the petition move so the City Council and they decide whether it is valid? Mr. Moorefield replies "Yes".

Member Devore asks the date of the response, and inquires when the response to City Attorney was sent; the Interim Director responds that it was sent this afternoon, (dated the 16th of August, 2022).

Member Baker inquires whether if the petition was filed to the County Board, would it then be the Board's responsibility to decide? Mr. Moorefield replies "Yes".

Member Devore asks whether Mr. Richardson's brother signature was removed from the verification. Amaro replied that the address and date of birth did not match, a letter was sent, and it was removed from the 5009 verified signatures.

The Chair asks whether the petition will go on the ballot - Interim Director replies that it is up to the City to decide.

Interim Director Amaro is requesting that Pearce's Mill 2B Precinct be moved from Manna Church to Breezewood Church. Breezewood Church is adjacent to the precinct line so the move will require State Board approval. Precinct is being moved because Manna Church does not want to be used as a precinct anymore.

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the precinct move be submitted to the State.

Second: Member King

Vote: Unanimous

Interim Director Amaro is requesting that Cross Creek 08 Precinct be moved from Holy Trinity Church to Highland Presbyterian Church. The new location is adjacent to the precinct line so the move will require State Board approval. Holy Trinity Church does not want to be used as a precinct anymore.

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the precinct move be submitted to the State.

Second: Member King

Vote: Unanimous

Adjournment

Motion: Member Devore

Second: Member King

Secretary Grimes adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



Irene Grimes, Secretary

Helen A. Nelson

Helen Nelson, Chair

JH Baker

James H. Baker, Member

Linda Devore

Linda Devore, Member

Billy King

Billy King, Member