

ELECTORAL BOARD
City of Franklin

MINUTES
September 2, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Artis, Pat Newman, Purlie Banks, Jen Maynard.

Doris Artis called the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The Electoral Board met in the Emergency Services Building conference room. The Agenda was reviewed and New Business was added.

Jen Maynard reported on Drop Boxes that was included in recent legislation taken up in the Special Session of the General Assembly. The Bill passed both legislative bodies and will be sent to the Governor for his signature. Jen anticipated that Drop Boxes will be required for the November election and has been researching vendors that could supply Drop Boxes. Drop Boxes are difficult to find and order. One big question remains: What is ELECT'S expectation on CAP reporting on Election Day? We are still waiting on guidelines from ELECT on Drop Boxes and CAP Reporting.

Early voting begins September 18, 2020. We are required to have ample spaces in the parking lot in front of the Emergency Services Building designated for voters. We'll be marking the parking spaces using the cones that we have, and we'll order the signs that fit in the top.

Kanye West has qualified to be included on the ballot for the November election. There are currently two lawsuits pending in the courts that seek to remove his name from the ballot. Our ballot, including his name, has been approved by ELECT. With early voting beginning September 18, it is vital that ballots are ordered today. Ballots are needed for L & A Testing and early voting. If Kanye West is removed from the ballot, a notice of his removal be inserted in each absentee and early voting request and a notice will be posted in the polls on Election Day. Ballot orders need to be sufficient to plan for voided and spoiled ballots. Presidential Elections tend to increase turnout to 80%.

CARES ACT funds will be used to pay for all unusual needs for this election including hand sanitizer, wipes, folders, single use pens and other needs as they arise.

OLD BUSINESS: Jen Maynard updated the Board on Wydia Bailey's failure to submit required Campaign Finance reports from her write-in campaign for the recent citywide election. Ms. Bailey failed to respond to telephone calls and certified mail. She missed two deadlines resulting in fines for not reporting. As required by Election Law, the matter was sent to the Commonwealth Attorney, Eric Cooke. It seems that she was getting bad information from her advisors on how to proceed. Eric Cooke sent Jen Maynard and email updating us on his findings. Jen Maynard will be meeting with Wydia Bailey when she returns from out of town to submit her Campaign Finance reports. The fines were paid recently.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Electoral Board Meeting are on the City's website. Pat Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Purlie Banks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The following passage will be added to the August 5, 2020 MINUTES: The voting machine technician at the MLK Center will maintain the zero tape at the next election.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Patrick Newman
Secretary