

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Linda J. Sutton**  
CHAIR

**Frank M. Dickerson**  
SECRETARY

**Jerry D. Jordan**  
MEMBER



**Robert H. Coffman**  
Director of Elections

**Lamar Joyner**  
Deputy Director

## FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING – February 7, 2011

Present: Linda J. Sutton, Chair  
Frank M. Dickerson, Secretary  
Jerry D. Jordan, Member

Staff: Rob Coffman, Director of Elections  
Lamar Joyner, Deputy Director  
Judy Speas, Senior Office Assistant  
Kevin J. McGuckin, Assistant County Attorney

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### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Fourth Floor Conference Room.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for December 14, 2010. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes for December 17, 2010. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes for January 21, 2011. Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes for January 28, 2011. Mr. Jordan moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Speaking Session

Ms. Sutton greeted the assembly and stated that the Board meeting was called to address any possible evidence of election law violations. Several citizens had been mailed invitations to be given a chance to speak. Ms. Sutton collected speaker cards for introduction. Speakers were given sufficient time to present evidence of any violations. Mr. Dickerson asked that a point of procedure be followed that after hearing of the allegations, the Board would hear from several current employees regarding evidence of the violations. The Board heard from the following speakers regarding allegations of election law violations:

Terry Cox – violation with network servers; undeliverable Winston-Salem State University voter cards; workplace environment

Sandra Robles – poll worker mistakes, late precinct set-up, Government Center One Stop crowds, precinct locations, Board partisanship

Beverly Lung – precinct training, poll worker attitude, Election Day computer alphabet arrangement, electioneering

Yoko Odom – experience as One Stop worker

Deena Head – experience as election office worker

Fred Benson – electioneering at One Stop and by poll worker

Pam Johnson – counting of absentee ballots, Unity project, violation with network servers, workplace environment

Gardenia Henley – voter ballot fraud, violations of whistle blower act, privacy act, HEPA Act, ADA, campaign disclosure requirements

Pam Lofland – Election Day disarray, experience as One Stop worker, Election Day computer alphabet arrangement

Joanne Allen – complaints regarding Board members and staff

Richard Bethune – campaign disclosure reports, certification of clerk of court

Jeff Polston – One Stop training, undeliverable voter cards

#### Other Business

Mr. Dickerson questioned staff member Chris Duffey whether there were similar election problems found throughout North Carolina. Mr. Duffey agreed that he had experienced and heard of the same election problems in other counties. Mr. Dickerson questioned staff member Judy Speas regarding the counting of absentee ballots. Ms. Speas stated that absentee ballots had always been counted in accordance to election law and in the presence of Board members.

#### Adjournment

The Board reviewed their schedules and determined that the next Board of Elections meeting time would be February 23, 2011 at 1:00 PM. Ms. Sutton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dickerson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

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Linda J. Sutton, Chair

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