

JUNE 19, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 6:00 pm for a special meeting to consider modifications to the early voting plan for the 9th District Special Election in September.

Present: Floyd W. Johnson, Jr., Chairman Linda Devore, Secretary
Bobby Swilley, Member Helen Nelson, Member
Irene Grimes, Member Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro and Mitzie Roberts

Guests: Meta A Weaver Coaxum, Pamela Carver, Ethelyn Baker, Carole Samperton, Peter Apone, Roberta Waddle.

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 6:05PM.

Director Robertson requested that the early voting plan for the 9th District special election in September be reconsidered to accommodate the Labor Day weekend, when many key workers will not be available. SBE has also provided clarification of legislation from early June that allows for flexibility in odd-numbered elections years. The 9th District special election will be considered an odd-numbered year election. This allows early voting plans to include shorter hours at early voting sites.

Member Swilley inquired whether the 7AM to 7PM could be adjusted at East Regional Library.

Secretary Devore confirmed and stated that before the 7AM-7PM mandate, early voting sites were typically open 11AM-7PM. We should also exclude Labor Day weekend voting—Saturday, Sunday, and Monday when the library will not be open. Devore questioned the need to open on the first Sunday afternoon when East Regional Library is not open on Sundays, and it will require our staff and library staff to come in on a Sunday afternoon. Seems unlikely that we will see enough voters to justify the additional taxpayer expense to open on Sunday for three hours.

Member Grimes wants to maintain Saturday.

Chairman Johnson stated that we will keep Sunday.

ACTION: Devore moved that the early voting plan for the 9th District special election be modified to include weekend voting on only one weekend, August 24 and 25, Saturday 9AM-1PM and Sunday 2-5PM at East Regional Library only, and shorten weekday hours at ERL to 11AM-7PM. BOE would remain regular business hours. Motion Seconded.
Chairman Johnson asked for a show of hands.
Member Swilley asked for clarification of the Saturday and Sunday hours, and affirmed the need for a unanimous vote.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Submitted by,

Linda Devore

Linda Devore, Secretary

Philip J. Buson

Chairman

Helene Nelson

Member

Terri S. Robertson

Director

Paul C. Pine

Member

Member