



**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**Board Meeting  
Agenda  
August 10, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Candidate Challenge Hearing
3. Adjournment

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order at The Walkertown Library Auditorium on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at **2:30 PM**, Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr. presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Robert Durrah, Jr., Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Alfred Harvey, Member Adam Draper

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii (by phone), Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Tricia Starkey, Adam Clark, Jason Lerman

**Others in attendance:** Erica Glass, Forsyth County Attorney

**Candidate Challenge Hearing**

Chairperson Robert Durrah opened the hearing on a candidate challenge pursuant to N.C. General Statute 163-127.2 through 163-127.5. Mr. Durrah made the following statement: “The burden of proof is on the candidate to show by preponderance of the evidence of the record as a whole they are qualified to be a candidate for the office.” Mr. Durrah explained the definitions of the “preponderance of the evidence”, the “whole record”, and “substantial evidence”. Mr. Durrah then stated, “If the challenge is based on residence, the candidate must show all of the following: 1) The actual abandonment of the first domicile, coupled with intent not to return; 2) The acquisition of a new domicile by actual residence at another place; and 3) The intent to make newer domicile a permanent domicile.”

Mr. Evans presented for evidence: 1) Lease Agreement for a room rental at 3253 Winthrop Street, Walkertown, NC 27051, 2) Receipt of rent payment, and 3) Driver’s License updated with new address of 3253 Winthrop Street.

Mr. Brown presented for evidence: 1) Address Listing for Notice of Candidacy file July 7, 2023, 2) Forsyth County Property Records for 7131 Tyner Rd, Walkertown, NC 27051, and 3) Address Listing for Notice of Candidacy filed July 20, 2023.

Upon review and discussion of the evidence the Board Members were in consensus that Richard Vincent Evans, candidate, had not shown by a preponderance of evidence of the record as a whole that he was qualified to be a candidate for the office of Mayor or

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Walkertown, NC and that they did not find that the three qualifications for residence had been met. The Board voted unanimously to sustain the candidate challenge filed by Vernon J. Brown on August 4, 2023. Secretary Doomy moved to sustain the challenge; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Durrah made the following statement: “The Board shall render a written decision within 20 business days after the challenge is filed, and serve that written decision to the parties. The written decision shall separately state the finding of facts, conclusions of law, and an order stating what is to happen.”

**Adjournment**

Secretary Doomy moved to adjourn; Vice Chair Jourdan seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at **3:40 PM.**

Approved:

s:/Robert Durrah, Jr.

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Vice Chair

s:/Chad Doomy

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Adam Draper

Member