

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION

March 7, 2017

I. Call to Order

This special meeting of the Santa Fe County Board of Registration was called to order by Chairman Clifford Rees at approximately 11:37 a.m. in the Legal Conference Room, County Administration Building, 102 Grant Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. Roll Call

Clerk Geraldine Salazar called roll and a quorum was achieved with the following Board members present:

Members Present:

Clifford M. Rees [Dem.]
Michael Gallegos [Rep.]
Francesca DiPalma [Dem.]
Samuel LeDoux [Rep., alternate]

Member(s) Absent:

Katherine Clark [Dem., alternate]

Others Present:

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk
Steve A. Fresquez, Chief Deputy Bureau of Elections
Christella Valdez, Assistant County Attorney

III. Approval of Agenda

In addition to the items listed on the agenda there was agreement to review the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 3, 2017.

Chair Rees moved to approve the agenda with the addition that the board review and vote on the March 3, 2017 minutes. Mr. Gallegos seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There was discussion regarding discrepancies in the number of registered voters noted

by Mr. Gallegos on page 3. Steve Fresquez explained that maintaining the list is an organic work in progress and that as more voters reactivate their status the number to be purged diminishes. Clerk Salazar indicated that the list was fluid and the technology is ahead of the statute.

Chair Rees offered a number of changes and clarifications that were incorporated into the March 3, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Gallegos moved to approve the March 3, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. DiPalma seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Review of the List of Eligible Voters as Required by NMSA 1978, 1-4-28(E)

Ms. DiPalma said they had received a great deal of information on this and she was comfortable with what the Clerk has provided. She had emailed concerns regarding a name on the list of a person who had voted on the last school board election. She assumed the correction has been made.

Mr. Fresquez stated that subsequent to the meeting he reviewed the list to see if there were others and there was a total of three. They were flagged after voter credit was given in early February. Action should be taken to return those three to active status. He described it as a system anomaly.

Ms. DiPalma moved to return the three aforementioned individuals to active status. Chair Rees seconded.

Under discussion, Mr. Gallegos said that he sent an email concurring with those three and also had a question on other voters.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Referring to the distributed materials, Chair Rees asked that the document headed "Political Parties in 2017 List Maintenance Report (Purge)" have Santa Fe County and March 7, 2017 included in the title. He asked staff if this list included the action just taken to add the three people. Mr. Fresquez said that list does not reflect the latest action and the number of purged voters will be changed to 4,736. Chair Rees stated this consisted of two Democrats and one person who declined to state.

Mr. Gallegos asked about the 99,110 at the bottom of the current registered voters list, one more than the total of the parties. Mr. Fresquez stated the Voter Registration software program does not break down the smaller, minor parties so he rechecked the numbers by other methods and came up with a discrepancy of one person. However, he believes the numbers closely reflect the numbers in each party.

V. Board Action on Voter Data

Chair Rees made a motion that the board adopt the Political Parties in 2017 List

Maintenance Report for Santa Fe County, dated March 7, 2017 with the proviso that the list is subject to change based upon further information developed by the County Bureau of Elections staff and subject to future review. Ms. DiPalma seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Salazar said she would be sending out a press release and there would be further information on the County website.

VI. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and upon motion by Chair Rees and second by Ms. DiPalma, the Board of Registration adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved by:


Clifford Rees, Chair
Board of Registration

ATTEST TO:


GERALDINE SALAZAR
COUNTY CLERK
3-27-2017



Respectfully submitted,

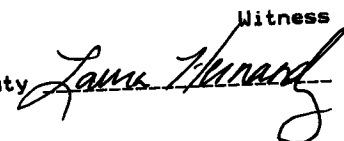

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM