

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 12 December 2024 10 AM

Participants: Director Melanie Thibault, Deputy Director Judy Fritts, Poll Worker Janet Scott, Board Members - Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, Lynne Garrison, John Vanhook and Jeff Gillette, Macon County Attorney Eric Ridenour, and Court Reporter Barbie Lane.

Observers: Election Specialist John Willims, and Thomas Sherrill (*The Franklin Press*)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 10AM.

1. Purpose: The primary purpose of this meeting is to conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine the status of a protest by Mr. Jefferson Griffin, candidate for the NC Supreme Court Associate Justice, seat 6. Attachment 1
2. Administrative Actions: Ms. Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes from the 21 November 2024 Board Meeting (Attachment 2). Mr. Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2 December 2024 Board Meeting (Attachment 3). Mr. Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
3. Evidentiary Hearing: The Chair welcomed the public and outlined the procedures for the hearing. The verbatim transcript of the proceeding is at attachment 4. A listing of the evidence presented at the hearing is at attachment 5.
4. Hearing actions: The Board unanimously dismissed the protest. The County Attorney will memorialize the Board decision in an Order upon Consideration of the Protest of Jefferson Griffin. Attachment 6.
5. Adjourn: Mr. Dills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Garrison seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Attachments:

1. Protest documents from Mr. Jefferson Griffin
2. Minutes from 21 November 2024
3. Minutes from 2 December 2024
4. Transcript of evidentiary meeting
5. Listing of documents presented at the hearing.
 - a. Introduction script
 - b. Board minutes dated 11/21/2024.
 - c. Board minutes from 12/02/2024.
 - d. Protest Procedure Guide
 - e. Jefferson Griffin Protest
 - f. Riggs Letter
 - g. Voter data (redacted) for Adrian Martinez
 - h. Voter data (redacted) for Esther Elliott
 - i. Voter data (redacted) for Sydney Stovall
 - j. Instructions from the County Attorney
 - k. General Statutes excerpts
6. Order of the Macon County Board of Elections dated 16 December 2024, titled "Decision and Order."