

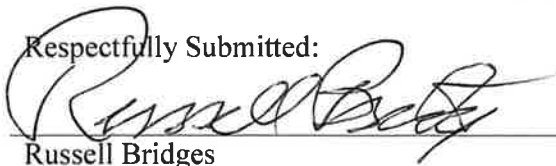
**THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF CHATHAM COUNTY  
MINUTES**

**August 20, 2020**

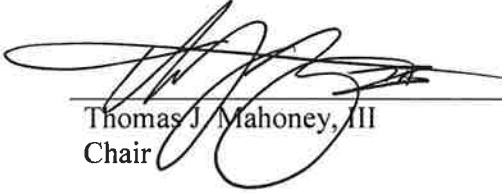
- BOARD MEMBERS:** Thomas J. Mahoney - Chairman  
Marianne Heimes  
Antwan Lang
- STAFF:** Russell Bridges
- MINUTES PREPARED BY:** Russell Bridges  
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- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 P.M. by **Tom Mahoney** who gave an Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- CHAIR ADDRESS** **Chairman Mahoney** noted that the only thing on the agenda was the certification of the August 11, 2020 Runoff.
- CERTIFICATION** **August 11, 2020 Runoff**  
**Mr. Bridges** referred to the Summary Report of election results, which were distributed to each Board member.
- Mr. Lang** made a motion, seconded by **Ms. Heimes**, that the August 11, 2020 Runoff be certified.
- Mr. Lang** then asked for a brief explanation of the post-election process and why the Board of Elections had to wait for certification. **Mr. Bridges** explained first that the deadline to certify is Friday, August 21. The State has extended certification deadlines due to the extension of other deadlines, such as curing provisional ballots. He went of the explain that in addition to the more than 8,000 ballots we received by Election Day, we continued to receive provisional ballots throughout the week that had to be cured by Voter Registration; they used a deeper balancing process this time as preparation for the more rigorous balancing techniques that will be used in November. **Mr. Bridges** described the runoff as the perfect opportunity to perfect new, more accurate balancing techniques, comparing batch-to-batch, which resulted in a perfect balance. He also pointed out that one of the races in this election was very close, furthering the need for total confidence between both offices in the final count.
- Ms. Heimes** stated that she had received a question about why the updated results often change from Election Day to certification. **Mr. Bridges** responded that the purpose of the post-election process is to reconcile potential issues before certification and that the numbers are subject to change as more ballots are received due to the provisional and absentee process. **Mr. Lang** asked is any of the same mistakes that occurred in the June election had been repeated; **Mr. Bridges** replied that there were no oversights in this election.
- Chairman Mahoney** called for the vote. **Ms. Heimes, Mr. Lang, and Chairman Mahoney** voted in favor.
- Motion passed unanimously and the August 11, 2020 Runoff was certified.**
- Mr. Bridges** stated that reports and live results would be updated to reflect "OFFICIAL AND COMPLETE" as soon as possible and the State would be notified that the election has been certified. He also advised that the official results are scheduled to be transferred to the State on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. **Mr. Lang** asked if there was anything that could potentially delay transfer, and **Mr. Bridges** replied that there is not.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Members of the public were encouraged to attend the virtual meeting and to email their questions to the Elections office prior to the meeting.
- ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Mr. Lang, seconded by Ms. Heimes,** to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Russell Bridges  
Supervisor, Secretary to the Board

9/14/2020  
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Date Approved

  
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Thomas J. Mahoney, III  
Chair

Robert S. Carney  
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Notary Signature

1/20/21  
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Date Notarized

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