

New Castle City Board of Elections  
Minutes  
July 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
1 Municipal Boulevard

Members Present: Rodney Pratt  
Carolyn Travers  
Connie Reese

Absent: Marianne Caven, Chair

Also Present: Diane Delgado, City Absentee Ballot Clerk

In Ms. Caven's absence, Mr. Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

### **Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023, May 25, 2023 and June 28, 2023 meetings as presented was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

### **General Discussion of 2023 Special Election Needs and Procedures**

Mr. Pratt reported the following:

- He provided the names of several potential Poll Workers to Ms. Caven, and Ms. Caven secured a number of additional Poll Workers who have agreed to work during the August election. Mr. Pratt had no additional information regarding Poll Worker training.
- The election will be held in the small room at the New Castle Senior Center, and three voting machines will be used during the election.
- Mr. Pratt will pick up the bin of voting supplies from the City office and inspect the contents to ensure sufficient supplies are available.

### **Public Comment**

#### Bill Emory - Baldton

Mr. Emory noted that City Council had questions regarding rules and regulations covering city elections and asked if it was the job of the Board of Elections to create rules to help govern eligibility and filing procedures for future elections. Mr. Pratt noted that there is a State election process that is followed to ensure elections are fair. Mr. Emory opined that the process needs to be more transparent, noting it is a very important matter that needs to be clarified before the next election.

#### Phil Gross – 1301 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Pratt read a written statement submitted by Mr. Gross regarding the April 2023 election and candidate eligibility for the August 2023 election into the record.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich  
City Stenographer