

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BEFORE THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF
PROTESTS FILED BY
CHERI BEASLEY

ORDER

THIS MATTER CAME BEFORE THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS on November 23, 2020, upon preliminary consideration of an election protest filed by Cheri Beasley (herein also referred to as “Protest”) with the Rockingham County Board of Elections (herein also referred to as “Board”) pursuant to N.C. General Statute §163-182.10.

On November 23, 2020, the Board conducted a preliminary hearing pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.10(a)(1) entitled: Preliminary Hearing in Reference to the Beasley Election Protest, to determine whether the protest substantially complied with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.9 and whether it established probable cause to believe that a violation of election law or irregularity or misconduct occurred.

Based upon review of the allegations presented on the protest form and attachments therewith in this matter, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters the following Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 17, 2020, the Protestor filed with the Rockingham County Board of Elections the State-mandated form for Election Protests under N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.9.
2. The Board’s canvass of votes for the November 3, 2020 General Election was scheduled for November 13, 2020, but was recessed to November 17, 2020.
3. In her protest, the Protestor alleged the following:
 - (A) Wrongful rejection of absentee ballots – all required information;
 - (B) Wrongful rejection of absentee ballots – “Received after deadline”;
 - (C) Wrongful rejection of absentee ballots – “Self-reported having submitted cure certifications”;
 - (D) Wrongful rejection of absentee ballots – “Voters’ status changed from ‘accepted’ or ‘accepted-cured’ to a rejected status”;
 - (E) Wrongful rejection of provisional ballots.
4. During the preliminary hearing on November 23, 2020, the Protestor failed to present any evidence of absentee ballot or provisional ballot irregularities or any other violation of election law or misconduct.

Based on the **FINDINGS OF FACT** the Board makes the following **CONCLUSION OF LAW**:

1. All Protestor's assertions are found to be frivolous, without merit or substance.
2. The Protestor failed to show any probable violation of the election law or misconduct or other irregularity specified in N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-182.9.

Based on the **FINDINGS OF FACT** and **CONCLUSION OF LAW** it is therefore **ORDERED**:

1. The Protest is hereby dismissed as frivolous, unsubstantiated and not founded in law or fact, and without probable cause for further proceedings.

This the 23rd day of November, 2020.



Royce Richardson, Chairman