

Dennis Boyles

From: Dante Murphy <dntmrphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Dennis Boyles
Cc: junemrobbins2@hotmail.com; Ken Smith; Pender County NAACP; New Hanover NAACP
Subject: [BULK] Candidate Inquiry
Attachments: 2-20-18 June Robbins Inquiry.pdf

Importance: Low

Voter Details	Jurisdiction
NAME (MR) (M) (MR) (MR) JUNE ROBBINS WILLARD, NC 28594	Precinct: PENDER 18 VTD: PC10 Congress: 11 (HOUSE DISTRICT 11) NC Senate: NC SENATE DISTRICT 8 NC House: NC HOUSE DISTRICT 16 Superior Court: SB SUPERIOR CRT Judicial: 5TH JUDICIAL Prosecutorial: 8TH PROSECUTORIAL County Commissioner: COMMISSION 48 Ward: COLUMBIA/UNION
County: ITTAMON Status: ACTIVE Voter Reg Num: 0000000000000000 NCID: DN19009 Party: DEM Race: WHITE Ethnicity: ALL AMERICAN (NOT LATINO) Gender: FEMALE Registration Date: 04/01/1976 NCDMV Customer: Yes	

Mr. Boyles,

I am awaiting a response from June Robbins regarding the attached inquiry as to her filing to run for school board in District 4. According to a public search of her voting record she is showing as having been registered at this current address (Willard) since 1976. Please clarify if this is accurate as it seems to contradict all other information that she has lived in Burgaw, NC. Thank you.

PENDER COUNTY BRANCH NAACP #5431

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Via Email

February 20, 2018

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To: June M. Robbins

Ref: DISTRICT 4 CANDIDACY COMPLAINT

The Pender County Branch NAACP has received a confidential complaint regarding your candidacy for District 4 School Board. The complaint alleges that you are a longtime resident of Burgaw, North Carolina and changed your address for the purpose of securing a seat on the school board. Please respond to these serious allegations as we want to be fair in the information disseminated about you regarding your candidacy for Pender County School Board. We want to be equally fair to Pender County citizens, especially, district 4 voters.

It is our hopes that you will give a response to this inquiry. Best wishes on your political endeavors.

You may email me at dntmrphy@gmail.com or contact me at 704-300-7509.



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Director

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Rev. Dante' Murphy,

Our records indicate June Robbins did file as a candidate for Pender County School Board District 4 on February 12th.

On February 7, 2018, Mr. and Ms. Robbins appeared in my office with Ms. Robbins requesting a change of address form. She completed the update form and changed her residence to the 552 Garden Road, Willard address.

At the time, with Mr. Robbins; being a seated Commissioner with the Town of Burgaw, I questioned his intentions as to an address change. He stated, "he had no intentions of moving to the Willard address".

A statement was also made by Ms. Robbins, "she stated her mother had been sick and she was moving in to help care for her mother's everyday needs".

Our records indicate Ms. Robbins has been registered at the N. Cowan Street address in Burgaw since February 20, 1976, It also shows she has voted in every election held within the county since that time. Candidate qualifications are based on information contained in a voter's registration record. With her current residency "listed" as 552 Garden Road, Willard, she is a qualified candidate in district 4.

Remedies are in place to resolve issue concerning questionable qualifications of a candidate. It is called a Challenge. G.S. § 163-127.2 explains when and how a challenge to a candidate can be made.

- a. When. – A challenge to a candidate may be filed under this article with the board of elections receiving the notice of candidacy or petition no later than 10 business days after the close of the filing period for notice of candidacy or petition.
- b. How. – The challenge must be made in a verified affidavit by a challenger, based on reasonable suspicion or belief of the facts stated. Grounds for filing a challenge are that the candidate does not meet the constitutional or statutory qualifications for the office, including residency.
- c. If Defect Discovered After Deadline, Protest Available. – If a challenger discovers one or more grounds for challenging a candidate after the deadline in subsection (a) of this section, the grounds may be the basis for a protest under G.S. § 163-182.9. (2006-155, s. 1.)

Should you have additional questions, please call

Regards,


Dennis Boyles; Director

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Via Email

February 27, 2018

To: Pender County Board of Elections

Ref: DISTRICT 4 CANDIDACY INQUIRY

The Pender County Branch NAACP has received information that a potential candidate, Reginald Moore, was denied his right to file as a candidate for Pender County Board of Education. Based on the website information for the board of elections there is no indication that Mr. Moore is a candidate. The NAACP is making this inquiry solely on the basis of fairness to persons seeking to fill this seat. During our investigation of June Robbins changing her address on February 7, 2018 and then filing to run in District 4 on February 12, your office clearly indicated that after being questioned, Ms. Robbins was allowed to file for this office without delay.

Mr. Moore, who is a minority candidate, is now in jeopardy of missing out on chance to fill a seat held by the only elected African American in Pender County. I am hoping you are able to provide clarity in this discrepancy.

You may email me at dntmrphy@gmail.com or contact me at 704-300-7569.



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Rev. Dante' Murphy,

The Pender County Board of Elections office does not discriminate against any potential candidates.

As for Mr. Reginald T. Moore: On the afternoon of February 26th Mr. Moore brought a completed unsigned voter registration application to our office. One of the office staff requested his signature on the application. While signing the application, Mr. Moore mentioned he was interested in running as a candidate for Board of Education. When the staff member asked him where he lived to see what district, if any he was qualified, Mr. Moore stated he lived in both Wake and Pender County. When ask to clarify what he meant by; he lived in two places, he stated he lived in both places equally throughout the year. Mr. Moore has been a registered voter in Wake County since 2003. Residency was explained and Mr. Moore was asked where he considered home. He stated Pender County was his home.

Since Mr. Moore's application had not been processed into the statewide voting database, staff could not register him as a candidate. He was advised he had until noon on the 28th to file his candidacy. Staff mentioned they would call him today after his application was processed into the system. Around 9:00 am this morning, Mr. Moore was contacted and advised his application was processed and he could come in and file his candidacy paperwork.

Unfortunately, at the time of Mr. Moore's visit to the office, I was working with another person in my office, I did not get the opportunity to speak to him. Should I have had the opportunity to speak with him, I would have offered to expedite or push his voter registration paperwork through the system where he wouldn't have had to make two trips to become a candidate.

Mr. Moore has not been denied his right to file as a candidate in Pender County, he was delayed due to the fact he was not registered in the county which is one of the main qualifications to become a candidate. His voter registration application has now been processed and he has been notified he is eligible to file as a candidate. As of the time of this letter, Mr. Moore has not filed candidacy.

Should you have additional questions, please call

Regards,

Dennis Boyles; Director
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February 28, 2018

To: Pender County Board of Elections

Ref: APOLOGY FOR MISUNDERSTANDING

The Pender County Branch NAACP extends sincere apology to the Pender County Board of Elections. A letter received by the branch on February 27, 2018 indicated that the BOE "does not discriminate against any potential candidates." The reference to Mr. Moore being a minority candidate was never intended to be taken as an accusation of discrimination. The intent was to emphasize and heighten the awareness of African American disparities among elected officials in Pender County. The least threat to further exacerbate these disparities required firm and swift intervention.

Please be advised that the normal procedure when the Pender County NAACP receives a complaint is to immediately send an inquiry to the involved parties. Inquiries requiring investigation are usually copied to the media due to the limited ability of the local branch to adequately research matters.

Along with this apology for the discriminatory inference the Pender County NAACP maintains the premise that Mr. Moore being registered since 2003 in Wake County is no different than Ms. Robins being registered in the town of Burgaw since 1976. Both potential candidates were required to register a different address in order to run in the District 4 school board election. Mr. Moore's change of address was "delayed" while Ms. Robbins was allowed to immediately change her address and register without delay. This unfortunate act, whether purposeful or unintentional, has seriously jeopardized Mr. Moore's candidacy. It is my hope that he will be able to file for the school board seat before 12:00pm on February 28, 2018.

Thank you again for your prompt response to this inquiry.



*Dennis E. Boyles
Director*

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Rev. Dante' Murphy,

Your latest letter dated February 28th distorts actions taken by the Pender County Board of Elections office.

In your letter, you state "Mr. Moore's change of address was "delayed" while Ms. Robbins could immediately change her address and register without delay".

There was no delay in processing his application. The process to change Ms. Robbins address took virtually the same amount of time as Mr. Moore's. Her application was received on February 7th, it was processed on the 8th. His application was on February 26th, it was processed on the 27th.

I agree there is no difference in Mr. Moore relocating from Wake County than Ms. Robbins relocation from Burgaw. In both cases they had to provide a change of address application. Both applications were processed in less than twenty-four hours. As for the differences between these two applications, Ms. Robbins filed a change of address five days prior to candidate filing period. In addition, she was already in the county voter registration database allowing use the opportunity to verify she had not changed political parties within the last ninety days. Mr. Moore on the other hand came from a different county, his information was not in the county database and had to be processed into the system. In addition, when he files candidacy, we will need to verify through his previous county that he has not changed parties within the last ninety days.

You stated this offices actions jeopardized Mr. Moore's candidacy. This is not true, Mr. Moore was contacted prior to 9:00 am yesterday providing him ample time to file his candidacy papers for Board of Education District 4.

Mr. Moore is currently in our office and office staff is helping him complete his candidate filing while I write this letter.

Should you have additional questions, please call

Regards,

Dennis Boyles; Director
Pender County Board of Elections

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From: Dante Murphy <dntmrphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Dennis Boyles
Cc: New Hanover NAACP; junemrobbins2@hotmail.com; Ken Smith; Pender County NAACP
Subject: Re: PENDER COUNTY NAACP APOLOGY TO THE BOE

Mr. Boyles,

It is much appreciated that you have thoroughly responded to all inquirers regarding this matter. I will acknowledge your efforts both publicly and in writing. I have just received a message indicating that Mr. Moore has filed as a candidate for Pender County Board of Education.

The information you have presented to me raises a greater question beyond your control. A candidate's ability to so easily change an address and run in a different district puts in jeopardy the reason we have district voting.

Again, I accept your statement and thank you again for your efforts to resolve any misunderstandings.

On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 9:37 AM, Dennis Boyles <dboyles@pendercountync.gov> wrote:

Please see the attached letter

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Please refer to the attached letter.