

## Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, January 9, 2023

5:00 p.m.

### Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m., Chairwoman Katherine Horne called Monday, January 9, 2023, Columbus County Board of Elections meeting to order.

### Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

#### **Board Members Present:**

Katherine Horne, Chairperson	Bonita Blakney, Member
David McPherson, Secretary	Brenda Ebron, Member
Ashley Collins, Director	Tucker Ward, Member

### Agenda Items #3 and #4: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- Invocation – Mrs. Ebron
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

### Agenda Item #5: Board Agenda Approval

Board member, Mrs. Blakney made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. McPherson seconded, Mrs. Horne, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Ebron concurred.

### Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes

Board member, Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Ebron seconded, and Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Blakney and Mr. Ward concurred.

### Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No public comments

### Agenda Item #8: Chairwoman Katherine Horne

Mrs. Horne announced after January 9, 2023, meeting she was resigning from the board effective immediately. She read the letter she wrote to Governor Roy Cooper resigning and explained her family obligations takes priority at this time. She asked the Board of Elections to please ensure that the office has current county maps applicable to the elections process.

### Agenda Item #9: Director's Report

- Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and informed the board members that on December 29, 2022, that she released Sheriff Jody Greene's certification. Once Jody

Greene resign, she will contact the State to find out what the procedures are, after the county commissioners appoint a new sheriff.

**(Q)** Will the appointed sheriff hold the full 4-year term?

**(A)** The State informed the director that the appointed sheriff would serve the 4-year term.

- The board was informed of the 2022 fourth quarter and year end semi-annual budget reports that were sent to the candidates that were over the threshold.
- Mrs. Collins also provided the board a copy of the budget amendment that was complete to cover the ballots and election day support.
- A report was given to the board members of all the removed voters and reasons of removal from the system during 11/1/22 to 1/6/23.

#### **Agenda Item #10: Closed Session General**

No closed session

#### **Agenda Item #11: Adjourn**

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. McPherson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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