

July 20, 2021, 12:00 p.m. (Finalization of Present Board and Oaths of office New Board)

Present: Bonita Blakney – Chairwoman, JoAnn Garrell - Secretary, Brenda Ebron-Member, Katherine Horne – Member, and Carla Strickland -Director

Absent: Bonnie Inman – Member

Also Present: Jesse Hill, Clerk of Superior Court, David Lee McPherson, Tucker Ward, Preacher Buddy Seay

The Chairman brought the meeting to order. Mrs. Inman was absent. Preacher Buddy Seay gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The next item was the approval of the agenda. The Board Chairwoman entertained a motion to approve the agenda as written, Mrs. Horne made a motion to accept the agenda, Mrs. Ebron second, Mrs. Garrell, and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the July 12, 2021 Minutes. The Board Chairwoman entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Mrs. Horne made a motion to approve the minutes, Mrs. Garrell second, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by the Board Chair and Director to Mrs. Joann Garrell in appreciation for over 7 years of service on the Board of Elections.

The Finalization meeting was adjourned.

The next item on the agenda was oaths office for the newly appointed Board. Mr. Jesse Hill proceeded to present the Oaths of Office to the following appointees:

- Katherine Horne (appointed by the NC Governor as Chairman)
- Bonita Blakney (appointed by the NC State Board of Elections)
- Brenda Ebron (appointed by the NC State Board of Elections)
- David McPherson (appointed by the NC State Board of Elections)
- Tucker Ward (appointed by the NC State Board of Elections)

The next item on the agenda was the organization of the new Board. Chairman Katherine Horne entertained a motion for selection of a Board Secretary. Mr. Ward made a motion to select David McPherson as the new Secretary of the Board, Mrs. Ebron Second, Mrs. Blakney, Mrs. Horne concurred.

Board members and the Director gave remarks giving their own experience the hope of intention for everyone working together to provide for non-partisan service to the voters, fair and transparent Elections.

With no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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