

August 23, 2021, 3:00 p.m. (Regular meeting)

Present: David McPherson– Secretary, Bonita Blakney – Member, Brenda Ebron-Member Tucker Ward– Member, and Carla Strickland –Director

VIA Zoom: Katherine Horne – Chairman

The meeting was called to order. David McPherson– Secretary, Bonita Blakney – Member, Brenda Ebron-Member, and Tucker Ward– Member were present and Mrs. Horne was present via zoom. Mrs. Ebron gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The next item was the approval of the agenda. Mrs. Horne requested to add item 12B to set the dates for review of the Senior Elections Specialist applications. Mr. McPherson requested to remove number 13 and amend the agenda to add the review of senior elections specialist applications. Mrs. Ebron made a motion to accept the agenda as amended Mr. McPherson second, Mrs. Blakney, Mrs. Horne and Mr. Ward concurred.

The next item on the agenda was public comments. Mrs. Bonnie Inman of 242 Brookside Rd., Whiteville requested temporary workers to have a background check if they are to use any Board of Elections computers. Mr. McPherson made a motion to add this request to next meeting agenda. Mr. Ward second Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Blakney, and Mrs. Ebron concurred.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of August 9 and August 17 minutes. Mr. McPherson made a motion to accept both sets of minutes, Mrs. Ebron second Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Blakney and Mr. Ward concurred.

The next item on the agenda was the update UOCAVA notice to include Town of Lake Waccamaw candidates. Mrs. Blakney made a motion to accept, Mr. Ward second. Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Horne concurred.

The next item on the agenda was letter from Edward Johnson. It was decided the letter would be accepted as information.

The next item on the agenda was an email from Franklin Thurman Columbus County Democratic Chair after reviewing the same Mrs. Blakney made a motion to make changes of precinct officials. Mrs. Ebron second, Mrs. Horne Mr. Ward, Mr. McPherson concurred.

Carla Strickland

From: Franklin Thurman <franklin2karen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 7:38 PM
To: columbus.boe@columbusco.org; Franklin Thurman
Subject: [External] changes requested for Poll workers

CHERRY BLUFF-- REMOVE SHEILA JOHNSON AS DEMOCRATIC JUDGE AND REPLACE WITH GEORGE HENRY PERRY.

WELCHES CREEK--SWAP CHIEF JUDGE POSITION WITH DEMOCRATIC JUDGE. MAKING MARCEE THOMPSON, CHIEF JUDGE AND JOANNE BLANKS DEMOCRATIC JUDGE.

The next item on the agenda the director gave updates on precinct merges. 6,139 verification cards were mailed to all voters affected by the merge.

The next item on the agenda the director advised on the need to set an acceptance testing date, however she would need to confirm with SST Parker Holland with the NC State Board of Election on his availability for testing. She requested approval upon confirmation of the same that she contact board members to confirm their availability.

The next item on the agenda was NVRA/ removed voter report. No action was taken.

With no further business Mr. McPherson made motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. Ward second.

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