

October 11, 2021, 3:00 p.m. (Regular meeting)

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

Absent: 0

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

The next item was the approval of the agenda. The Director requested for 2 additional items to be added to the agenda. The Director requested approval to changes for poll workers and Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the Agenda as written, Mr. Ward second, Mrs. Blakney, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Horne concurred.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of September 27, 2021 through October 7, 2021 minutes. Mrs. Blakney made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. McPherson second, Mrs. Ebron, Mrs. Horne, and Mr. Ward concurred.

The next item on the agenda was public comments.

Mr. Sammy Hinson of 6986 James B. White Hwy S., Whiteville, NC 28472 requested for the Board to entertain moving the Regular Board meetings to 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bonnie Inman of 242 Brookside Rd., Whiteville NC 28472 requested that she be placed on the e-mail list for the Board packets.

The next item on the agenda, was the rescheduling of future regular Board meetings time. After discussion on the same Mr. McPherson made a motion to change the meeting times to 5:00 p.m. after the Board of Elections is moved to the new building, Mr. Ward second, and Mrs. Horne concurred. The motion was passed by majority vote.

The next item on the agenda the Director provided an update on the Election preparations to date.

The next item on the agenda regarding the Urgent meeting of the NC State Board of Elections on October 7, 2021, the Director advised that e-mails from the NC State Board of Elections advising on the activities being presented by different groups to include the NC Audit group which intends to implement a canvassing foot soldiers group to go door to door asking voters if they felt their vote had counted and canvassing keyboard soldiers. Also the House Freedom Caucus has been requesting Forensic audits and access to the Voting Equipment which is not allowable under State Statute. She advised that these E-mails were for informational purposes only and that in no way is the State Board organizing the events regarding canvassing soldiers. Again this is being conducted by an outside Political organization and should not be misconstrued. The State Board has already been contacted by an individual in our County to volunteer to assist with this endeavor. With regard to the accessing of voting equipment Statutes were provided in their packets to provided that only Election officials are allowed to gain access to the Equipment.

The next item that was added to the Agenda was the Directors request to cancel the Absentee meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 as there had been no request to date. Mr. McPherson made a motion to postpone the absentee meeting, Mr. Ward second, Mrs. Blakney, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Horne concurred.

The next item that was added to the agenda was changes to the poll worker listing for the November 2, 2021 Municipal Election. After reviewing the same, Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the changes as presented, Mrs. Blakney second, Mrs. Ebron, Mrs. Horne and Mr. Ward concurred.

The next item on the agenda was a closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(6) personnel issues. Mrs. Blakney made a motion to go into closed session, Mrs. Ebron second, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Horne concurred. The Regular session was recessed at 3:41 p.m. The Regular session was called back to order at 3:58 p.m. where it was reported no action was needed to be taken.

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

With no further business Mrs. Blakney made motion to adjourn meeting, Mr. McPherson second and the meeting was adjourned.

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October 11, 2021, 3:41pm - 3:58 pm (Closed Session General Account)

Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel Issues

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

Absent: 0

At 4:11 p.m., Mrs. Blakney made a motion to go into closed session, Mr. McPherson second, Mrs. Ebron, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Horne concurred.

Item #1:

1. Probationary period new Senior Elections Specialist

At 3:58 p.m., the closed session was adjourned and Regular Session was resumed.

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October 12, 2021 6:30 p.m. (Poll worker Training)

Members present: Katherine Horne-Chairman, David McPherson-Secretary, Bonita Blakney-Member and Carla Strickland – Director

Absent: Brenda Ebron – Member, Tucker Ward – Member

The Columbus County Board of Elections met for the purpose of training Poll workers for the November 2, 2021 Municipal Elections.

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October 14, 2021 6:30 p.m. (Poll worker Training)

Members present: David McPherson-Secretary, Bonita Blakney-Member and Brenda Ebron – Member

Absent: Katherine Horne-Chairman, Tucker Ward – Member and Carla Strickland – Director

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