

December 20, 2021, 5:00 p.m. (Special Called Meeting- Personnel)**Closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel Issues**

Present: Katherine Horne-Chairperson, David McPherson– Secretary, Bonita Blakney – Member, Brenda Ebron-Member, Tucker Ward– Member, Ashley Collins-Senior Elections Specialist.

The Chairperson Katherine Horne called meeting to order.

- Invocation given by Mrs. Brenda Ebron
- Recited- The Pledge of Allegiance
- Board allowed Public Comments- Curtis Hill - 777 Vinson Blvd Whiteville NC 28472, stated his concern about David McPherson being Interim Director and also being a Board Member.

The Chairman Mrs. Horne, called the meeting to go into closed session around 5:15 pm. County Attorney Boyd Worley joined the meeting to advise on the personnel issues and interim director position.

At 6:37 P.M. the board ended closed session Boyd Worley gave a summary of the closed session.

- Advising Mr. McPherson was not eligible to serve as interim director while being a board member. As of December 20, 2021 Mr. McPherson will no longer serve as interim director.
- The board discussed request made by Director to rescind her resignation.

After summary was given by Mr. Worley, board decided not to act on selecting interim director at this time.

Mr. McPherson made a motion not to accept the rescind of Carla Strickland's resignation, Mr. Ward seconded, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

Then Mrs. Ebron called to adjourn meeting, Mr. McPherson seconded and, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Blakney, and Mrs. Horne concurred.

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