

## Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, July 11, 2022

5:00 p.m.

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

At 5:00 p.m., Chairperson Katherine Horne called Monday, July 11, 2022, 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, Interim Director	Tucker Ward, Member

### **Agenda Item #3 and #4: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Invocation – Mr. McPherson
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

### **Agenda Item #5: Board Minutes Approval**

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

### **Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes**

Approval of June 27, 2022 minutes, Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by member Mr. Ward and concurred by Mrs. Ebron, Mrs. Blakney and Mrs.Horne.

### **Public Comments**

Peggy Gerald of 374 Cedar Grove Church Rd Cerro Gordo, NC 28430, asked if their where a minimum number of poll worker that could work at a precinct on election day and could we provide more training for poll workers. The board answered the minimum number people is 4 at a polling location and with the other question they informed her that they would be going over surveys filled out on election day from the judge and that could give her the answer she is looking for.

Doris Strickland of 105 Forest Edge Circle apt 1A Tabor City, NC 28463, wanted to know how many of the board members had worked at a polling place on election day.

Bonnie Inman of 242 Brookside Rd Whiteville, NC 28472, her concern was with having runner on election day and being she is a chief judge and knows that the flashing drive and the tape is a responsibility of the chief judge to know up with she did not feel comfortable giving it to a runner to deliver to BOE on election night while they were closing up precinct and packing up equipment to get back to the BOE. The board explained that they have not voted on anything at this time they were just reviewing possible options.

### **Surveys from Judges**

After reviewing surveys completed by election day judges. Mr. McPherson made a motion for the board to have a workshop meeting for the board member to discuss improvements to make election day go better and staying within the statutes of the law. Mr. Ward seconded, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

### **Location change for Williams 1**

Mr. Mitchell Cartrette Chairman of Board of Directors at Roseland VFD sent a letter requesting the voting location be moved due to the small space and parking and understanding that Beaverdam OFWB church had agreed to hold voting at their location. Mr. Ward made a motion to move to voting location Mr. McPherson seconded, Mrs. Blakney, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Horne concurred.

### **Director's Report**

Interim Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and informed the board members that there will be a summer conference coming up on August 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Collins gave a copy of the budget to all board member that was approved for 2022-2023 year.

Ms. Collins informed the board about the county school board of education and their map of their districts for running candidates as of right now they do not have the district maps drawn up and the attorney for the school board is currently working on this but the next meeting to the board of education is the 17<sup>th</sup> of July where they will get a draft of the map. Also we spoke with Parker Holland with the state explaining the situation to him he spoke the state attorney that informed him to inform us that anyone that come in for candidacy to let them know that the district maps have not been drawn at this time and that once it was finished that there is an possibility they make have to amend their candidacy if it falls in the wrong district that they applied for.

Also Ms. Collins gave the board a NC petition request for Randy Williams he was wanting to be a write in candidate for county commissioner District 1. The board reviewed request. Mr. Ward

made a motion to accept petition for him being a write in candidate in November election, Mr. McPherson seconded, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

**Motion:**

At 6:03 p.m. Board Member Mrs. Blakney made a motion to go into closed session for **GS 143-318.11**, Mrs. Ebron seconded, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Horne concurred.

**Recess Closed Session:**

The regular session recessed at 6:03 p.m. At 6:25 p.m., Mrs. Ebron made a motion to return to regular session, Mr. Ward seconded, Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Blakney concurred. The regular session was resumed at 6:25 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

Resuming back to regular session, with no further business Mr. McPherson at 6:27 p.m., made motion to adjourn meeting, Mrs. Ebron seconded, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Blakney and Mr. Ward concurred.

**Closed Session General - GS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Issues**

- July 11,2023 6:03 p.m. – 6:25 p.m. (Closed Session General Account)
- Closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Issues
- At 6:03 p.m. closed session was brought to order.
- At 6:25 p.m. Mrs. Ebron made a motion to return to regular session, Mr. Ward seconded, Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

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