

## Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, August 8, 2022

5:00 p.m.

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

At 5:00 p.m., Chairperson Katherine Horne called Monday, August 8, 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 Items #3 and #4: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Invocation – Brenda Ebron
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board member, Mrs. Ebron asked to add to the agenda information on General Statute GS115C-37(H). Mrs. Horne informed the board, that this could be added to the agenda as 8A for information only. Mrs. Blakney made a motion to accept the addition of 8A to the agenda. Mr. Ward seconded, Mrs. Horne and Mr. McPherson concurred.

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

Board member, Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the minutes for July 25, 2022, Mrs. Ebron seconded and concurred by Mr. Ward, Mrs. Blakney and Mrs. Horne.

### **Agenda Item #7: Public Comments**

Bonnie Inman of 242 Brookside Rd Whiteville, NC 28472 wanted to know if the board had time to consider her request for permission to go to the colleges and individual workplaces to get younger people involved with elections as poll workers. At this time, the board asked interim director, Ashley Collins to add this request to the agenda for the next board meeting for further discussion.

**Agenda Item #8: Director's Report**

Interim Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and gave the board members a copy of the agenda for the Summer Conference 2022.

Ms. Collins informed board members that the Williams 1 precinct change has been completed. The resolution has been given to the following:

- Mr. Hill to post at the courthouse.
- The News Reporter to post in newspaper.
- 1777 cards have been mailed to the voters effected by the change of relocation.

Ms. Collins informed the board that she spoke with Ms. Simmons at GIS and she informed her that the Board of Education's board meeting would be held on Monday August 8, 2022. They will vote on the Board of Education District map.

Ms. Collins informed the board that they would be voting on the One Stop Plan for the November 8, 2022, election at the next board meeting on August 22, 2022. The plan is due to the State by August 23, 2022. She also asked if the board wanted all One Stop locations open. The board agreed to have all One Stop locations open. This includes The Board of Election, Chadbourn, Cherry Bluff, Tabor City and Ransom.

**Agenda Item #8A: Information on a General Statue**

Mrs. Ebron requested for someone to explain to her GS 115C-37(H) regarding why the candidate filing would be reopened after they removed Mrs. Wanda Brooks. Chairperson Mrs. Horne explained, she questioned this as well to Mr. Worley the county attorney and he explained that she was not disqualified. Mrs. Brooks was cancel due to not living in the district The only way the candidate filing could have been reopened is if Mrs. Brooks lived in District 4 when she started running for candidacy, then moved out of the district. Then she would have been disqualified. However, since she never lived in the district this would not be the reason she was cancelled.

**Agenda Item #9: Closed Session General**

Mrs. Horne asked the board if there were any items needed to be discussed in closed session. Ms. Collins requested to go into closed session. At 5:41 p.m., Mrs. Blakney made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Ward seconded, Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Horne concurred. At 6:02 pm, Mrs. Horne requested to end closed session, Mrs. Ebron seconded.

**Agenda Item #13: Adjourn**

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm, Mrs. Horne seconded, and Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Blakney, and Mrs. Ebron concurred.