

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, October 10, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m., Chairperson Katherine Horne called Monday, October 10, 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	

Board Members Absent:

Tucker Ward, Member

Agenda Items #3 and #4: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- Invocation – Mrs. Horne
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #5: Board Agenda Approval

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

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes

Board member, Mrs. Blakney made a motion to approve the minutes for September 26, 2022, Mr. McPherson seconded, and Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Horne concurred.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

Marlando Pridgen, 820 Toon Rd Whiteville NC 28472, stated he was coming to voice the concern of the citizens of Columbus County for additional security at polling locations because of intimidation concern with the upcoming election. That people are scared to come forward to voice their concern because people have had signs burned in their front yard. Mrs. Horne advised that for us to take this to the state we need people to write letters or call and give information of what has happened to them and this could be anonymous with dates and time if possible.

Agenda Item #8: Directors Report

Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and board members that 276 absentee ballots had been sent out. She informed board members that the mock election was completed with no problems. Ms. Collins also advised that the address for the location was updated on google and county website. Ms. Collins showed the board members the new TV that was brought for the election results to be shown on election night. Ms. Collins brought to the attention of the board members the name tags that poll workers wear during the election that someone made a mistake on one. At that time Mr. McPherson made a motion that the worker wear the name tag fills their own out, Mrs. Horne seconded, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Blakney concurred. Ms. Collins gave board members a copy of Numbered Memo 2022-12: Maintaining Order at the Polls. Ms. Collins notified board members on October 27 at 1:00 pm that homeland security will be doing a SAFE Assessment on election office. Ms. Collins gave a copy of all the poll observers that had been sent in.

Agenda Item #9: Closed Session General

At 5:31 p.m., Mrs. Horne made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. McPherson seconded, Mrs. Ebron, and Mrs. Blakney concurred. At 6:00 pm, Mr. McPherson requested to end closed session, Mrs Horne seconded. At 6:02 pm the board members came out of closed session Mr. McPherson made the motion to move Felicia Brown to grade 68, Mrs. Blakney seconded, and Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Ebron concurred.

Agenda Item #13: Adjourn

Mr. McPherson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm, Mrs. Ebron seconded, Mrs. Blakney, and Mrs. Horne concurred.

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