

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, February 13, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

On Monday, February 13, 2023, Secretary David McPherson called the Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Jeffery Register, Chairman	Bonita Blakney, Member
David McPherson, Secretary	Brenda Ebron, Member
Ashley Collins, Director	Tucker Ward, Member

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

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

Agenda Item #5: Swearing in of Chairman- Jeffery Register

Chairman, Jeffery Register was sworn in by Mr. Jess Hill. Mr. Register and Mr. Hill signed the oath of office. At this time, Mr. McPherson removed himself as heading the meeting and gave the control to Mr. Register.

Agenda Item #6: Board Agenda Approval

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

Agenda Item #7: Approval of Minutes

Board member, Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. McPherson seconded the motion; Mr. Register, Mrs. Ebron and Mrs. Blakney concurred.

Agenda Item #8: Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item #9: Directors Report

- Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and informed the board about the new director's training she attended from February 6 to 10 in Raleigh. She shared a copy

of the agenda which outlined specific topics covered for the 5 days. Director Collins expressed the useful information that she gained during the training.

- Ms. Collins shared a copy of an e-mail sent by the Southern Coalition for Social Justice requesting minutes from the closed session meeting on November 28, 2022, which involved the protest of the sheriff's race. Ms. Collins informed the Board that she followed up with the county attorney Misty Jorgenson regarding the e-mail request. Ms. Collins sent the attorney a copy of the e-mail request and a draft copy of the closed session minutes. Attorney Jorgenson advised Director Collins to get the Board to review the minutes and let her know once the minutes were approved. Director Collins submitted to the board a copy of the e-mail request along with a draft copy of the closed session minutes of November 28, 2022. The Board reviewed the minutes and Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the closed session. Mr. Ward seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
- Ms. Collins asked the Board if any action needed to be taken with the Nakina precinct since the current facility was no longer being used by the county. The Board asked Ms. Collins to check to see if the Nakina Fire Department was in the same precinct and if so to reach out to the fire chief to see if the Board of Elections could use the fire department as that precinct voting location. Mrs. Blakney also requested that Ms. Collins check to see if there were any other available facilities the West Whiteville precinct could possibly be relocated.

Agenda Item #10: Closed Session General

No closed session

Agenda Item #11: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Blakney seconded; the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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