

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, May 08, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

On Monday, May 08, 2023, Jeffery Register, Chairman called the Columbus County 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: Board Agenda Approval

Board member, Mr. Ward made a motion to move the closed session after the approval of the agenda and to add the elections specialist position to the director's report. Mrs. Blakney seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6: Closed Session G.S § 143-318.11(A)

- ❖ At 5:04 p.m., Mrs. Ebron made a motion to go into closed session. Mrs. Blakney concurred; the motion passed.
- ❖ At 5:17 p.m., Mrs. Ebron made a motion to end the closed session and to go back into regular session. Mrs. Blakney concurred; the motion passed.
- ❖ At 5:18 p.m., Mr. McPherson made a motion to resume the board meeting. Mrs. Blakney seconded; the motion passed.
- ❖ Mr. Register asked Ms. Prince to give a general account of the closed session. Ms. Prince stated that during closed session the discussion client attorney matter required no motion.
- ❖ Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the general account and Mr. McPherson seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #7: Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2023

Board member, Mrs. Blakney made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Ward seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Agenda Item #8: Director's Report

- Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and gave the board members a copy of the court's decisions on felony voting, photo ID, and redistricting.
- Ms. Collins reminded the board of the state conference being held on August 13th through 15th; the board members are required to attend.
- Ms. Collins informed the board that the office team has been discussing social media pages and will explore guidelines for setting up user friendly and accessible information for voting.
- Ms. Collins gave the board members a copy of the removed voter report.
- Ms. Collins told the board members about the campaign finance training in Moore County that Felicia Brown, Hilda Price, and I attended.
- Ms. Collins asked the board members if they had time to review the job description from the other counties for the Elections Specialist/ IT position? The board asked Ms. Collins to create one for Columbus County and then let them review it to see what needed to be added or taken away from the job description. Once the board has approved the job description, then it can be posted.

Agenda Item #12: Adjourn

At 6:08 p.m., Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Blakney seconded, and the motion passed.

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