

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, July 18, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, Jeffery Register, Chairman called the Columbus County Board of Elections meeting to order.

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 approve the agenda, Mr. McPherson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2023

Board member, Mr. McPherson made a motion to approve the minutes; Mrs. Ebron seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #7: Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Collins presented the current board members with a certificate of appreciation and thanked the members for their hard work and dedication to the Board of Elections during the election process. After presenting the certificates at 11:20 a.m., Mr. Ward made a motion to recess until 12:00 p.m. Mrs. Ebron seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #8: Swearing In- New Board Members

At 12:00 pm, Mr. Register called meeting back to order. Mr. Jess Hill gave the oath of office to Mr. Lynn Fairfax, Mrs. Wanda Brooks, Mrs. Lynne Thompson, and Mr. Jeffery Register. Mr. Frederick Meekins was not present to take the oath of office for his seat at this time. After the members took their oath of office, they started conducting business.

Agenda Item #9- Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item # 10: Selection of Board Secretary

Mr. Fairfax made a motion to name Mrs. Thompson as board secretary, Mrs. Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #11: Vote- One Stop Date

The board reviewed the three one stop plans presented by Ms. Collins. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to accept Plan A. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #12: Directors report

- Director, Ms. Collins reviewed the director's report and gave the board members a copy of voters removed from the database 06/12/2023 to 07/17/2023. There was a total of 1,994 voters removed from the database during this period.
- Ms. Collins asked the board members if the board meeting scheduled for August could be changed, due to the 2023 Election Conference meeting is on the same day. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to moved board meeting to the 4th Monday of August the 28th. Mrs. Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimous.
- Ms. Collins gave the board members a copy of the agenda for the 2023 Election Conference that will be held in Concord, NC.
- Ms. Collins gave a copy of the **Standard Operating Guide** to the board members to review and to be able to adopt the guide at the next board meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn

At 12:31 p.m., with all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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