

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, September 11, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 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

Lynn Fairfax, Member

Lynne Thompson, Secretary

Wanda Brooks, Member

Ashley Collins, Director

Frederick Meekins, Member

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

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

Agenda Item #5: Board Agenda Approval

Board member, Mrs. Thompson made a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes- August 22, 2023

Board member, Mrs. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Meekins seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item #8: Approval of The Standard Operating Guide

After the requested changes were made by the board from the last board meeting, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept The Standard Operating Guide with current changes. Mrs. Thompson seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item # 9: Directors Report

- Ms. Collins gave the board members a list of the 45 voters removed from the database during the period of August 22, 2023, to September 08, 2023.
- Ms. Collins gave all the board members a copy of the sample ballots for the November 2023, municipal election.

- Ms. Collins requested that the board members make a motion to cancel the first absentee board meeting scheduled October 3, 2023, because there will not be any absentee ballots at the time. The Board of Elections cannot start mailing the absentee ballots until October 6, 2023; however, due to the statute of requiring 5 absentee board meetings this one had to be put back on the schedule. Mr. Meekins made a motion to cancel the first absentee board meeting on October 3, 2023. Mrs. Thompson seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.
- The board members received a copy of the poll workers selected on August 22, 2023. They also received a copy of the meetings and responses that were received from poll workers accepting or denying the position.
- A copy of training dates and times for the poll workers were given to the board members to review.
- Ms. Collins informed the board members that the Columbus County Board of Election has secured a booth for the county fair. The dates are October 10, 2023 through October 15, 2023. Mr. Fairfax asked to include this information on the next agenda, so the board members can discuss the dates and times they are available to sign up to cover the booth.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Meekins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm

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