

Columbus County Board of Elections

Monday, December 11, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 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. Fairfax
- Recited – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #5: Board Agenda Approval

Board member, Mrs. Thompson made a motion to accept the agenda in present form. Mr. Meekins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes- November 13, 2023, November 15, 2023, & November 17, 2023

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

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item #8: Closed Session-Personnel GS 143-318.11

Mrs. Thompson made a motion to go into a closed session at 5:10 p.m., Mrs. Brooks seconded and the motion passed. At 5:20 p.m., Mrs. Thompson made a motion to end the closed session and return to the regular session, Mr. Fairfax seconded and the motion passed. Mr. Register asked the Columbus County Attorney, Amanda Prince to give a general account of the closed session. Amanda Prince stated, "The board discussed personnel and no action was taken."

Agenda Item #9: Overtime Approval for Director

Director Ms. Ashley Collins gave the board a letter to approve 54 hours of overtime for the last election with a spreadsheet of a breakdown of all the hours. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to approve the overtime hours. Mrs. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.

Agenda Item # 9: Directors Report

- Ms. Collins gave the board members a list of the 124 voters removed from the database during the period of November 13, 2023 to December 8, 2023.
- Ms. Collins gave a schedule to board members of the candidate filing dates and the filing fees for all the candidates filing for 2024.
- Ms. Ashley Collins informed the board of the new law SB 747 of the appointment of early voting officials and set the date for the appointment of the official for the chair of the Democratic and Republican party to give the names on the next board meeting on January 8, 2024.
- Ms. Ashley Collins informed the board members on February 15, 2024, the Columbus County Board of Election office is allowing the state to conduct a mandatory compliance training for candidates.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Meekins made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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