

Columbus County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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-Absent

Wanda Brooks, Member

Ashley Collins, Director

Frederick Meekins, Member-Absent

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

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

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Brooks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes– February 10, 2025

Mrs. Brooks made a motion to accept all minutes presented. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item #8: Directors Report

Ms. Collins presented the “Removed Voters Report” from February 10, 2025, to March 07, 2025, the report had 98 removed voters. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept the report. Mrs. Brooks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Collins gave a copy of the 2025-2026 proposed budget to board members to review. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mrs. Brooks seconded and the motion was passed.

Ms. Collins discussed with the board members about merging precincts that are not involved in the municipal election this year. Informing them if these changes are made then they would have to be presented to the state by June 30, 2025. The board asked Ms. Collins to have the merges that are being planned material ready by April's meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Closed Session- NC 143-318.11(A)(3) & (6) Legal & Personnel

At 5:36 p.m. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to go into closed session. Mrs. Brooks seconded and the motion passed. At 6:11 p.m. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to return to the regular session. Mrs. Brooks seconded and the motion passed. Once back in the regular session, Mr. Register conducted a recount of the closed session, stating that it was regarding legal and personnel matters. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept salary adjustments for part-time office staff and poll workers effective July 21, 2025, as discussed in the closed session. Mrs. Brooks seconded and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 pm.

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