

Columbus County Board of Elections

Board Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 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- Absent

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: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Meekins made a motion to amend the agenda as presented and remove item number 8 for the selection of the One-Stop Plan for the November 2025 Municipal Election and then approve the agenda with the removal done. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

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

Agenda Item #7: Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda Item #9: April 11, 2025 to May 09, 2025

Ms. Collins presented the “Removed Voters Report” from April 11, 2025 to May 09, 2025, the report had 107 removed voters. Mr. Meekins made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #10: Letter of appreciation to Executive Director Karen Bell

Mr. Jeffery Register, Chairman wrote a letter to executor Karen Bell in appreciation of the work she did in North Carolina and the following is what was stated:

“Subject: A Letter of Appreciation for Your Service

Dear Director Bell,

We, the Columbus County Board of Elections, are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your outstanding service to the citizens of North Carolina. We are deeply appreciative for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence.

We particularly want to acknowledge your tireless efforts during Hurricane Helene and other events that could have delayed or interfered with our elections. Your fair, unbiased, and the honest performance of your duties are characteristics of which great leaders are known, and the national recognition by your peers is further evidence of your ethics, and outstanding service to North Carolina. Your defense of the election process against the enemies of democracy is greatly appreciated.

Again, we thank you for your invaluable service to the people of North Carolina, and especially Columbus County.

Sincerely,

Columbus County Board of Elections”

Mr. Meekins made a motion to adopt and send the letter to Mrs. Bell. Mr. Fairfax seconded and the motion was passed.

Agenda Item #11: Adjourn

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn at 5:37 pm.

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