

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655**  
**TUESDAY MAY 11, 2021 RM 132**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Linda Walker  
Trossie Wall, and Director Debbie Mace.

Guests; Pam Genant, Brian Barrier, Cecelia Surratt, Beth Davison, James Bagley

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Chairman Kirksey invited our guests to offer public comments.

Brian Barrier, Burke County Republican Party Chairman thanked the board for the offer and opportunity to visit. No other comments were offered.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 13, 2021 regular session as presented. All approved.

**Business;**

Cecelia Surratt from Select 2000 Group spoke to the board about minority representation on the Board of Elections and staff for the Board of Elections. Ms. Surratt asked board members present to introduce themselves for the guests' benefit. During the introductions, Sandi Walker informed the group of her American Indian ancestry which is a recognized minority in this country.

Along with Ms. Surratt, the other members of her group briefly spoke to the board on the same topic of the need for diversity of representation for organizations..

Chairman Kirksey thanked the group for their comments and informed the visitors the Board of Elections members do not request information of prospective employees as to age, race or gender.

**FYI;** Director Mace's annual vacation will be the same week the board is scheduled to meet in June. Anthony Iovino made a motion to move the June meeting to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

All approved.

**FYI;** Director Mace informed the board of repairs of an outdoor light that was out at Mull School on election day.