

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Chairman LH Kirksey, Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, Linda Walker, and Director Debbie Mace Guests; Pam Genant, Barbara Myers

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

Barbara Myers asked if the census would affect any of the races in Burke County.

Director Mace replied, "No."

Director Mace gave the board the 6 month evaluation review for Kenny. Chairman LH Kirksey signed the review.

Linda Walker made a motion to amend the agenda to move Kenny's evaluation to the first of the meeting and make a correction in the date for the canvass and approve agenda as amended. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021 regular session minutes, the July 20, 2021 special session minutes as presented. Approving; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, and Chairman LH Kirksey, Abstain due to absence; Linda Walker, and as a new board member Beverly Carlton.

During the discussion over the minutes, Linda asked about an item in the previous packet on board member certification. This will be included in the next meeting.

Also during the discussion on the minutes, our new board member asked about the approval by the board for Mary Lou Furr to work in the Board of Elections office during the August training for board members and staff, as to whether she was temporary or not. It was decided the board should be more careful in references to having temporary employees and designation of such.

Business: FYI-

Director Mace will be speaking to the Democrat Party meetings September 07, 2021 and October 05, 2021. Chairman Kirksey will attend with the Director for the September 07 meeting. Linda Walker and Beverly Carlton will attend with the Director for the October 05 meeting.

The board was provided with an email from Kelly Turnow about the board's question on retaining an attorney to represent the board. The reply was not definitive.

Director Mace gave the board members a list of dates for the upcoming election with changes for the canvass date along with the March 2022 primary.

Director Mace informed the board a candidate challenge had been filed against Jimmy Jacumin challenging his eligibility to run for mayor of Valdese on August 09, 2021. A hearing for that challenge will be held in room 132 on Thursday August 19, 2021 at 2pm.

Director Mace provided the statute used as the basis for the challenge (GS 163-57)

She has made the necessary arrangements for the hearing and will inform the board of any other necessary information as well as the layout for the process.

Director Mace presented the list of precinct workers for the municipal/school board election for the board members to sign as required by the State Board of Elections.

After some discussion, Linda Walker asked that the Director contact the State Board and inform them this board has exercised due diligence in finding qualified precinct workers appropriate for the positions in the precincts.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the list of workers for early voting and election day as presented by the Director.

All approved.

Beverly Carlton had to leave at 11:23AM for another meeting.

Director Mace informed the board a trainer is scheduled to come to the Board of Elections in September to train staff and board members on using the “ballot on demand” machine.

She will let all know the date once it is determined.

Discussion was held on the August training by the State Board of Elections.

Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:44 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary