

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**2128 SOUTH STERLING ST. SUITE 100 MORGANTON NC 28655**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**  
**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**ROOM 132**

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

Chairman Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10 AM, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. There were no public comments.

Sandi Walker made a motion to amend the agenda to move items for closed session to open session and approve the agenda as amended. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021 regular meeting as presented. All approved.

Beverly Carlton asked if the minutes for the meetings could be sent to the board members prior to the meetings. Director Mace said she would forward the minutes for the meetings to board members as soon as she received them from the secretary.

Beverly Carlton suggested the board members have calendar reminders sent to them. After discussion, Beverly will send out notifications to the members for the Director until December. She will then spend some time with our Director and show her how to do the calendar notifications.

Director Mace informed our new board member on the necessity of the two resolutions by the board for the temporary move of Burkemont Precinct to The Rock Church Hwy 64 W and Lower Fork A Precinct at the South Mountain Fire Dept.

Discussion was held on consolidation of precincts and the statutes addressing this issue. Director Mace will get more information for the Beverly and Linda.

Director Mace updated the board members on the recent presentations the Director had made with the Democrat and Republican party meetings.

**FYI;** Director Mace informed the board the Burke County Schools will be in session for a half day on election day Nov.2<sup>nd</sup>. This is in conflict with a vote the school board had previously passed to have the schools closed on election day to insure the safety of the children as we have three schools hosting a polling place.

Discussion was held on board member certification. Director Mace provided the board members with the documents provided by the State Board of Elections.

Discussion was then held on our other meetings scheduled for this election. It was noted the Canvass would fall on the same day as the regular meeting.

Sandi Walker made a motion to adjust the scheduled time for our Regular Session November 9<sup>th</sup> , 2021 to begin immediately after the Canvass session is completed.

All approved.

Director Mace presented the evaluation review for our newest employee. Dustin was given very high marks for the short time he has been with the Board of Elections.

Discussion was also held on the candidate challenge hearings. Board members gave their opinions on how all was conducted. All agreed it was a learning opportunity.

Director Mace reminded the board members of Ballot on Demand training in the lobby at 10AM Sept. 17, the precinct workers training session on Sept. 27 at 5PM, and the first Absentee Ballot meeting October 5<sup>th</sup> (if needed) at 10AM in room 132.

With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary