

# Columbus County Board of Elections

## Board Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order**

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 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

### **Agenda Items#3and #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 accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Agenda Item #6: Approval of Minutes - December 09, 2024**

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

### **Agenda item #7: Correcting December 02, 2024 Minutes**

Ms. Collins explained to the board that the minutes approved for the December 02, 2024 board meeting were incorrect and requested that they be amended and approved. Mr. Meekins made a motion to amend and approve the December 2, 2024 minutes. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Agenda Item #8: Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Agenda Item #9: Directors Report**

Ms. Collins presented the “Removed Voters Report” from December 09, 2024 to January 10, 2025 the report had 180 removed voters. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Meekins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Collins requested the board’s permission for Mrs. Felicia Brown, Mrs. Hilda Price and herself to attend the NCADE Conference in March 2025 in Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Fairfax made a motion to approve the request for the staff to attend the NCADE Conference. Mr. Meekins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Collins requested approval for the staff and board to attend the 2025 State Summer Conference. Mr. Meekins made a motion to accept the request. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The board discussed the cost of the reprinting of the ballots for the removal of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s name. Ms. Collins informed the board the cost of the reprinted ballots was \$17,848.60. The board made a recommendation for Ms. Collins to contact the county administration to request reimbursement of the cost.

Mr. Register took a moment to recognize Columbus County Board of Elections staff with the following statement:

*“Whereas the Columbus County Board of elections Board does hereby recognize Director Ashley Collins and the staff of Columbus County Board of Elections for the exemplary, ethical, and dedicated work in providing the people of Columbus County, North Carolina and the United States of America with fair and honest elections in the year 2024.”*

Mr. Meekins made a motion to enter this resolution into the board minutes. Mr. Fairfax seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Agenda Item #9: Adjourn**

With all business having been conducted, Mr. Fairfax made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm.

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