

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**New Hanover County Board of Elections**

**July 12, 2016**

**3:00 P. M.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members:** Jonathan W. Washburn, Chairman  
Jamie S. Getty, Secretary  
Thomas C. Pollard, Member and Parliamentarian

**Staff:** Derek Bowens, Elections Director  
Sornatha Fulford, Elections Compliance Specialist

**Attendees:** Avril Pinder, Sharon Boyd, Amelie Brogden, Sarah Johnson, Donald R. Mapson, Carl Middleton, Quinton A. Harper, Meredith Glicksman, Richard Poole, Stephanie Fetzer, Harry Knight, Deborah Dicks Maxwell, Val Applewhite, M. M. Brown, Julep Gillman-Bryan, P. Gillman-Bryan, Esther Murphy, Brenda Fong, Loris McCants Jr., Elli Klein, Ruth H. Chambers, James R Kistner, Ruth Downey, Gabrielle S. Barone, Jeff Loock, Tyler Cralle, Martha A Fetser, Kait Baker, Elizabeth Woodside, Margaret Armstrong, Susanne Werner, Dan McCord, Raine Tirak, Spencer Bloom, Sally Freeman, Kate Griffin, Beth Beyers-Frankel, Lynn Harris

Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The New Hanover County Board of Elections meeting was held at 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 601, in the Harrell Conference Room. All members were present.

**AGENDA**

Member Pollard moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Washburn moved that minutes of the 6/6/2016, 6/7/2016, 6/13/2016 and 6/14/2016 meetings be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Bowens presented the Board with a financial update and bar chart comparisons of Salaries and Benefits, Operating Expenditures, and Fund Transfers for the fiscal year (July 2015 – June 2016).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments were made by various attendees.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. 2016 General Election Absentee One-Stop Implementation Plan**

Director Bowens presented five options for the 2016 General Election Absentee One-Stop Implementation Plan, which is required by law, for the Board's consideration. Following discussion, Chairman Washburn moved to adopt a 2016 General Election Absentee One-Stop Implementation Plan, with daily voting at the Government Center and all Alternate Sites, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., excluding the first Saturday and Sunday; with all sites open on the Saturday before the election from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion carried 2 to 1, with Member Pollard dissenting in favor of an alternative plan inclusive of voting hours on the first Saturday and Sunday of the period. Director Bowens informed the Board that due to the absence of unanimity, and in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-227.2 (g), a member or members may petition the State Board of Elections to adopt an implementation plan for the county.

### **b. Polling Place Change for Precinct W24**

Director Bowens reported that UNCW has agreed to provide a more suitable polling place for voting in precinct W24. The current polling place is located at Madeline Suite on the UNCW Campus. Sharon Boyd, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Services and Amelie Brogden, Facilities Manager, shared information on the accommodations, advantages and disadvantages of the Warwick Center and Trask Coliseum as alternative locations to the Madeline Suite. Following discussion, Member Pollard moved that the polling place for Precinct W24 be moved to the UNCW-Warwick Center, located at 629 Hamilton Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403. Motion carried unanimously.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 4:27 p.m., Chairman Washburn moved that the Board enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters, based on the Personnel Privacy Act, and in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 143-318.11(a)(1) and 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:45 p.m., Secretary Getty moved that the Board return to open session, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.10(a), to conduct business remaining before the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Washburn stated that the Board unanimously approved that Director Bowens receive the maximum salary increase allowed by New Hanover County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Washburn moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 8/9/2016 at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



JAMIE S. GETTY  
SECRETARY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



DEREK L. BOWENS  
ELECTIONS DIRECTOR