

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100
MORGANTON NC 28655
TUESDAY APRIL 08, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

Attending; LH Kirksey, Anthony Iovino, Sandi Walker, Beverly Carlton, and Linda Walker.

Staff; Kenny Rhyne, Dustin Wise Guests; Dot Williams

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

Public comments; None

Beverly Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for March 11, 2025 and closed session for March 11, 2025 as presented. All approved,

Business:

Director Kenny Rhyne gave a report on the National Change of Address (NCOA) mailing, which is sent out in January and July. Four hundred cards were sent out and pending responses, the Board of Elections will make any necessary adjustments.

He then reported on the NCADE conference that was attended by staff. Kenny was reinstalled as secretary for the district. He provided a presentation on the Durham County Board of Elections facility. This is a state of the art elections facility located in a strip mall in Durham.

After the presentation, Linda Walker asked Kenny about designing a plan to consolidate Board of Elections materials, determine the space necessary for this consolidation and include security needs for the Board of Elections. She suggested staff could gather this information and prepare a presentation for the next board meeting.

DHHS deceased list update has been completed on April 01, prior to the April 19 deadline. This was performed in regard to bringing the Burke County Board of Elections in conformance with the court decision from the Green v Bell lawsuit.

Discussion was held on precinct location rentals for community fire departments. Anthony Iovino made a motion to increase the rental fee paid to four of the fire departments that have lower fees. The pay will be increased to \$75.00 per location for each election. Fire departments affected are; Jonas Ridge, Enola (Upper Fork), George Hildebran (Icard 2), and West End (Silver Creek 2). All approved.

Beverly Carlton has requested the board make a request for a pay increase for board members. After looking at pay for board members in surrounding counties, and discussion with the board members, there was general agreement on satisfaction with the current compensation for the board members.

Director Kenny Rhyne gave the board an update on the Griffin/Riggs race still pending on court decisions. In Burke County there are 317 individuals affected by the lawsuit along with 3UOCAVA ballots.

Other Business:

It was confirmed that Representative Hugh Blackwell will meet with the board to discuss current legislation affecting the election process. Rep. Blackwell will be able to meet with the board on Monday May 12 at 9:30 AM.

Sandi Walker made a motion to move the Board of Elections regular monthly meeting from Tuesday May 13 to Monday May 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM to meet with Rep. Blackwell and then conduct the regular business for the board. Kenny will make all necessary notifications. All approved.

Anthony Iovino made the motion to adjourn at 11:19 AM. All approved.

Submitted by Sandi Walker, Secretary