

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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MORGANTON, NC 28655  
TUESDAY JULY 22, 2025  
BOARD ROOM  
SWEARING-IN OF BOARD MEMBERS/REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Attending: Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, Rhonda Dautrich, Linda Walker and Donna Wojcik

Staff: Kenny Rhyne, Dustin Wise and Trent Price

Guests: Dot Williams, Diane Scott, Tim Rooks, Chuck Harris, Stephanie Price, Tim Buff, Tracy Stamey, Isabella Norman, Vaisclia Amar, James Walsh, Barbara Myers, and Pam Genant

Director Kenny Rhyne called the meeting to order at 12:00, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Oaths of Office were administered by The Clerk of Superior Court of Burke County, Crystal R. Carpenter to:

Anthony S. Iovino, Chair

Beverly F. Carlton

Rhonda L. Dautrich

Linda C. Walker

Donna B. Wojcik

Election of Secretary for the board, Anthony Iovino nominated Donna Wojcik, Beverly Carlton nominated Linda Walker, Linda asked the board to consider continuing the bipartisan efforts from the boards in the past where the secretary was opposite of the chair's party. Anthony called for the vote Donna, Anthony and Rhonda voted Donna, while Linda and Beverly voted for Linda. Donna was elected board secretary by 3 to 2 vote.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.

Linda Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025, meeting, as presented. All approved.

Business:

Updates from the Director:

Director Kenny Rhyne provided a copy of the Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Statement, which was signed by each of the board members and returned to the Director.

Director Rhyne also provided and reviewed a Notice Regarding Social Media from the state board of elections.

Approval of Director Duties 2025-2027 was signed by all board members.

Approval of Early Voting Hours and Sites for the City of Hickory Municipal Primary on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Anthony's motion, all approved.

Approval of Early Voting Hours and Sites for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal Elections for Connelly Springs, Drexel, Glen Alpine, Hickory, Long View, Morganton, Rhodhiss and Valdese. Linda's motion, all approved.

Approval of Resolutions to Adopt Times for Absentee Meetings for the Hickory Primary on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the Municipal Election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Anthony made motion to approve both Resolutions, all approved, Anthony signed resolutions.

Anthony made motion to move Tuesday, August 12, 2025, meeting to Tuesday, August 19, 2025, for the approval of Chief Judges and Judges for the 2025-26 election cycle and was approved by all the members of the board.

Director Rhyne will notify the public of any change. Two Board members indicated they will not be able to attend the August 19, 2025, meeting; however, there will be sufficient board members available to proceed with the meeting on August 19, 2025.

Director Rhyne then provided members of the board with a copy of the County Board Member Manual and the 2024 Edition of the North Carolina Election Laws and Rules for the State Board of Elections.

With no further business, Anthony lovino made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm All approved.

Submitted by Donna Wojcik, Secretary