

## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order on July 20th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections (Classroom) by the Director of the Board of Elections (Terri Robertson).

**Present:** Helen Nelson - Chair  
Linda Devore - Member  
Irene Grimes - Secretary

James Baker - Member  
Billy King - Member

**Guests:** see attendance list (attached)

### Induction of Board Members:

Helen L. Nelson (Chair) and Billy R. King (Member) were sworn in by Judge Frances McDuffie.  
Linda S. Devore (Member) and James H. Baker (Member) were sworn in by Representative Diane Wheatley.  
Irene C. Grimes (Member) was sworn in by Mr. Matthew Rouse, Jr.

### Organizational Meeting

After the members & chair were sworn in, the organizational meeting was called to order by the chair (12:15 p.m.)

Member King nominated Member Grimes for secretary (seconded by Chair Nelson).  
Member Baker nominated Member Devore for secretary (seconded by Member Devore).  
Both members accepted the nominations.

**ACTION:** Voted 3/2 in favor of Grimes (King, Nelson, Grimes/Baker, Devore)

Member Devore suggested that the Board keep its meetings on Tuesdays as statutes require several meetings to be held on Tuesdays, but maybe hold them later in the day; 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

**ACTION:** I make a motion to hold the regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00p.m. (Member Devore)

Second: Member Grimes

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Director Robertson: Absentee meetings statutorily have to start on the fifth Tuesday before the election (for this election that is September 28th). Absentee meetings will be cancelled if there are no Absentee ballots to consider.

**ACTION:** I make a motion to schedule the Absentee Meetings beginning on the 5th Tuesday before the election as required by law, at 5:00 p.m. (Member Grimes)

Second: Member Devore

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Director Robertson: Each Board delegates certain duties to the Director of the Board of Elections. Member Grimes suggests that the Delegation of Authority be amended to allow the Director to act in an emergency without calling a meeting.

Member Devore questioned whether the Board can do that. Mr. Rick Moorefield (County Attorney) explained that the Board would have to define an emergency as "emergency" is too broad a term. If you mean to follow County Policy during extreme weather and situations deemed an emergency by the County, you could amend to give the Director authority to follow County directives without a meeting.

**ACTION:** I move to amend the delegation to give the Director of the Board of elections the authority to follow County directives as to emergency closings. (Member Grimes)

Second: ? ? ?

Director Robertson said that the wording will be added to the delegation and brought before the Board at the next meeting.

Adopting previous Boards' actions is discussed. Member Grimes asks changes be made to the public comment policy so that members of the public only state their name and precinct when they speak (not their address). Member Devore points out that the current policy is consistent with all other Boards in the County.

Short discussion ensues about the public comment policy.

**ACTION:** I move to adopt the actions of the previous Boards. (Chair Nelson)

Second: Billy King

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Director Robertson: The North Carolina State board of Elections will hold training on August 2nd - 4th, 2021 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Monday, August 2nd, 2021 is mandatory for Board Members; August 3rd and 4th are recommended. Sessions are virtual and can be viewed at the Board of Elections Office or individually at home.

Director Robertson: The next scheduled Board meeting is on August 10th, 2021 and a statutorily mandated meeting on August 17th, 2021; proposes that the August 10th, 2021 meeting be cancelled and the August 17th meeting remain.

**ACTION:** I move to cancel the August 10th, 2021 meeting and have the mandatory meeting on August 17th, 2021. (Member Devore)

Second: Member Grimes

Vote: Unanimous in favor

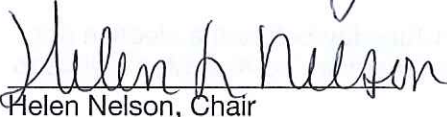
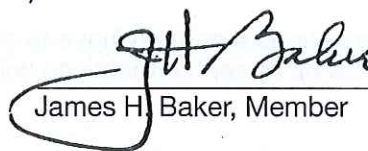
Adjournment

Motion: Member King

Second: Member Grimes

Chair Nelson adjourns the meeting at 1:20p.m.

Submitted by,  
Irene Grimes, Secretary

  
Helen Nelson, Chair  
James H. Baker, Member  
Linda Devore, Member  
Billy R. King  
Terri Robertson, Director

IN ATTENDANCE

JULY 20, 2021 12:00 PM

CHARLIE L. GRIMES, JR.

META WEAVER COAXUM

PAM WADE

FRANCES MCDUFFIE

JUDY LOWE

SHARON JOHNSON

THOMAS D. MACON

ROBERTA WADDLE

CYNTHIA MIXON

GLEN B. ADAMS

H. GLENN BAKER

JARED THOMPSON

HARLAN DEVORE

SALLY SHUTT

ROBIN BRIDGES

PAMELA ELLIOTT CARVER

BREE ELDRIDGE

BILLY JOE SWILLEY

PETE APONE

MANUEL MAJIA DIEZ

DONNA DAVIS

MIKE MALINA

MILDRED GALE

MATTHEW ROUSE, JR.

JACKIE TAYLOR

DIANE WHEATLEY

RICK MOOREFIELD