

November 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on November 17th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections (Classroom) by the Chair.

Present: Helen Nelson - Chair
Linda Devore - Member
Absent: Billy King - Member

James Baker - Member
Irene Grimes - Secretary

Staff: Terri Robertson, Angela Amaro, William Helms

Guests: Michael Haywood, Meta Coaxum-Weaver, Kia Anthony, Peter Apote, Nakiya Smith.

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the Board approve the agenda for this meeting as presented.
Second: Member Grimes
Vote: Unanimous in favor

Public comment period: Three speakers signed up to speak; they will each have 3min. of speaking time.

Sona Cooper (633 Goodyear Drive, Spring Lake, NC 28390): Advocating for an Early Voting Site in Spring Lake.

Bree Eldridge (953 Pecan Grove Loop, Hope Mills, NC 28348): supports Stoney Point Recreation Center as a voting site in lieu of Hope Mills Recreation Center.

Manuel Mejia-Diaz (4512 Broadway Court, Hope Mills, NC 28348): Wants hours convenient for all citizens to vote, wants weekend voting and a voting site in Spring Lake, NC.

Director Robertson offered the job description for the position of "Director of Elections" for the Board's consideration. She suggested that wording be added to indicate that applicants must not have engaged in political activity in the previous 48 months.

ACTION: Member Grimes moves that the Board approve the job description for the position of Director of Elections that will be vacant beginning on January 1, 2022.
Second: Member Devore
Vote: Unanimous in favor

Member Devore discussed that research conducted among similarly (to Cumberland County) sized counties as to the salaries paid to Directors of Elections and had found that those counties pay a significantly higher salary than Cumberland County.

ACTION: Member Devore moves that the Board request that the salary for the Director be reclassified into a higher salary range.

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene C. Grimes

Irene Grimes, Secretary

Helen Nelson

Helen Nelson, Chair

James H. Baker

James H. Baker, Member

Linda Devore

Linda Devore, Member

Billy King

Billy King, Member