

COUNTY OF CARTERET BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1702 Live Oak Street, Beaufort, NC 28516
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, June 1, 2022
9:00AM

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Susan Cuthrell called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Board Members Present: Chair Susan Cuthrell, Secretary Jeanette Deese, Member Dale Gillikin, and Member Gerald Godette

Staff Members Present: Director Caitlin Sabadish, Deputy Director Margot Burke

Others Present: Barbara Smith; Carteret County Votes County Committee

II. Approval of Agenda

Member Gillikin made a motion to approve the June 1, 2022 regular meeting agenda as presented. Member Godette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

No comments were made by the public.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Sabadish presented the minutes from the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting, May 3, 2022 Absentee Meeting, May 10, 2022 Absentee Meeting, May 16, 2022 Absentee Meeting, May 17, 2022 Election Day Meeting, May 24, 2022 Special Meeting, May 26, 2022 Special Meeting, and May 27, 2022 Canvass Meeting. Member Gillikin requested that the May 3, 2022 Regular meeting minutes be amended to change the motion in item IV to include Member Gillikin making the motion and Member Godette seconding the motion, the May 16, 2022 Absentee meeting minutes be amended to change the motion in item III to include Secretary Deese making the motion and Member Godette seconding the motion, and the May 24, 2022 Special meeting minutes to include listing Member Godette as “Board Members Absent” under item I. Member Gillikin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and approve the minutes from the May 3, 2022 Regular meeting, the May 16, 2022 Absentee meeting, and the May 24, 2022 Special meeting as amended. Member Godette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Review of May 17, 2022 Primary Election Incident Reports

Director Sabadish presented the incident reports from the May 17, 2022 Primary Election. Secretary Deese noted that there were no highly concerning incident reports and that there is a combination of precinct official error or equipment failure in every election. Chair Cuthrell noted that there were several incident reports concerning party affiliation and voters wanting to vote the wrong party ballot. Director Sabadish explained that this is not unusual in a primary and the

Board encouraged more voter education. Overall, the Board concluded that the incident reports were minimal considering the voter turnout in the May, 2022 Primary election.

VI. Director's Report

a. Newport 2 Possible Precinct Relocation

Director Sabadish explained to the Board that the Newport 2 precinct, the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church located at 182 Holly Springs Road Newport, NC 28570 is not willing to host the Board of Elections in future elections. The Church recently opened up a school and does not have the space to accommodate us any longer. Director Sabadish recommended to permanently relocate the Newport 2 precinct to the Sanctuary Church located at 8125 Highway 70, Newport, NC 28570. These locations are four point nine (4.9) miles apart. Director Sabadish explained that the Sanctuary Church is willing to accommodate us for Election Day and also provided the Board with photos of the site. Director Sabadish recommends permanent precinct relocation to this site. Overall, the Board agreed that the Sanctuary would be a good place to permanently relocate the Newport 2 precinct and plans to take formal action by resolution at the July Regular meeting.

VII. Board Comments

Chair Cuthrell opened the floor for Board comments. No formal action was required by the Board.

Secretary Deese

Secretary Deese thanked the staff for their hard work and for another successfully election and noted that she was pleased with the volume of voter turnout. Secretary Deese extended her condolences to the family of former Board Member, Marjorie Holland, as her son, Timothy "Timmy" Holland, recently passed.

Member Godette

Member Godette thanked staff for their hard work and congratulated them on another successful election.

Member Gillikin

Member Gillikin expressed that she was pleased with the overall election operations and the Primary Election ran very smoothly. Member Gillikin also expressed her condolences to former Member Holland's family. Member Gillikin complimented staff on a job well done in preparing and finding a alternative site for the Newport 2 precinct.

Chair Cuthrell

Chair Cuthrell thanked staff for another smooth election and expressed her condolences for former Member Holland's family.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Gillikin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Chair Cuthrell and the motion was passed unanimously.

Susan Cuthrell, Chair

Vacant, Vice Chair

Jeanette Deese, Secretary

Dale Gillikin, Member

Gerald Godette, Member