



Perquimans County Board of Elections

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MINUTES

The Perquimans County Board of Elections held its meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, in the North Carolina Room at the Perquimans County Library, 514 S. Church St, Hertford, NC 27944.

Board of Elections

Chairperson: Vera Murrill

Members Present: Ella Fields-Bunch, Victoria Butler, Bobby Siller

Board of Elections Chairperson, Vera Murrill called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Consent Agenda

Victoria Butler made a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Bobby Siller second the motion.

Old Business

Office Maintenance and Activity – The Board was made aware that MediaCom has run their cables to the Board of Election office building. MediaCom will return to the office on August 23, 2022, to complete the installation. During this time Shoshin will also be on call to assist. Later in the week, the new phones will be installed as well.

Jackie went on to share with the Board the tentative date of returning to the Board of Elections office. She expressed that this would occur after ServPro has professionally cleaned and sanitized the air ducts. The Board was informed that repairs have begun to replace the affected floors. The Board of Elections will remain at the Perquimans County Senior Center until repairs and cleaning are complete.

Summer Conference 2022 – This year’s summer conference will be held virtually on August 30th and 31st of this year. At this time, the start time of the conference has not been set. Board members are required to attend the first day of the conference. The location of where the BOE will gather to view the conference was discussed. Jackie presented the possibility of using the NC Cooperative Extension conference room. The Board then expressed interest in using a room within the Perquimans County Library. Since the Library opens after the projected start time of the conference, more research will need to be done.

Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing – Equipment will be moved into the NC Cooperative Extension conference room on September 27th in preparation for L&A testing and Chief Judge training taking place the following day. Our Security and Support Technician (SST), Matt Stone, will also be there to help with the testing and training on the DS200 and ExpressVote Machines. On September 29th training will be held for the rest of the poll workers. Only a small number of machines will need to be made available during this time.

New Board Member Appointment – The BOE has been made aware that the process of appointing a new board member has been slowed down due to untimely submission of the two nominees’ paperwork. A minimum of two nominations must be made. At this time only one of the two original nominees is still interested in the position. Once another nominee is found the process can begin again.

The Board suggested and agreed that a meeting should be held in the future with the party chairs along with the BOE director, Jackie, and chair, Ms. Murrill, to inform both parties on the process of nominating a new board member. The possibility of keeping the order of the selected nomination private until the State Board of Elections has approved the list was expressed as well. The Board felt that educating the chairpersons could help prevent future confusion, help avoid potential mistakes and even ensure that each nominee would receive equal opportunity.

New Business

Signing of Certificate of Service – Vera Murrill, Board Chair, signed the certificate of service for Shirley Ashworth, a former member of the Board.

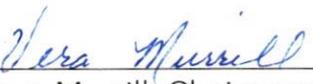
One-Stop Resolution – Jackie stated that the Board is no longer required to sign the resolution to verify that they do indeed agree. However, BOE staff provided a resolution for the Board to sign just as a backup. After reviewing the one-stop resolution, Board member Bobby Siller mentioned concerns regarding the suppression of African American voters. He suggested to help prevent this suppression, we open the polls on Sundays. He mentioned that some local churches involve their congregation in the voting process. The Board unanimously voted to add both Sunday, October 23rd and October 30th to the one-stop resolution.

Public Comments

Sue Engelhardt from the League of Women Voters expressed that there are still many interested in working this upcoming election as a poll worker. She also informed the Board about the Carter Center for Justice's seminar on election integrity taking place at the Chowan County Courthouse on September 7th.

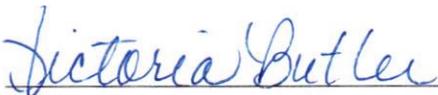
Adjournment

The meeting was then moved to closed session. On a motion made by Vera Murrill and second by Ella Field-Bunch, the meeting was adjourned at 7pm.



Vera Murrill, Chairperson

Bobby Siller, Member



Victoria Butler, Member



Ella Fields-Bunch, Secretary



Kevin Jones, Member