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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting April 8, 2025

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman (absent)

Jimmy E. Hull, Member (absent)

Linda Farmer, Member

Anne Risku, Director

Nicki T. Artis, Secretary

Charles Wright, Member

Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time and a quorum was present. Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to elect Mr. Wright as temporary chairman in Mr. Edwards' absence. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

I. Approval of the April 8, 2025 Agenda

1. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the April 8, 2025 meeting agenda. Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2025 board meeting. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Closed Session

1. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to enter closed session *to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.* § 143-318.11(a6). Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Board entered closed session at 4:03 p.m.
2. Mrs. Farmer made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to open session at 4:18 p.m.

IV. Director Update

1. Ms. Risku updated the Board on upcoming candidate filing, recent and upcoming conferences, and upcoming Board appointments.
2. Mr. Neal updated the Board on ongoing litigation related to the Griffin protest of the North Carolina Supreme Court contest.

V. Public Comment

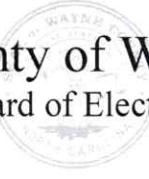
1. Robert Jackson, 2717 Salem Church Rd., Goldsboro, NC 27530 spoke on the number of voters affected by the Griffin protest and issues surrounding verifying the allegations in the protest.
2. Barbara Dantonio, 152 Parks Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534, praised the increased attendance at today's meeting and voiced her faith in Ms. Risku and Mr. Sullivan as election administrators in Wayne County.
3. Eileen Henderson, 301 Tonya Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27534 raised concerns about the Griffin protest's attempt to remove the votes of military voters which could directly impact a large amount of Wayne County voters. She also spoke about the difficulty of communicating with those affected.

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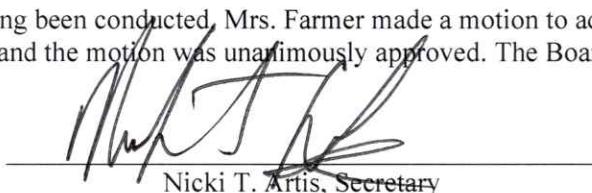
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VI. Board Comment

1. Mr. Artis asked for clarification on the notification process of challenged voters. Mr. Neal stated those matters are still a part of the ongoing litigation.

VII. Adjournment

1. With all business having been conducted, Mrs. Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Artis seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Board adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary