

Robert C. Jackson

Chairman

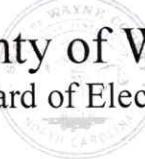
Nicki T. Artis

Secretary

Tristian K. Beard

Member

County of Wayne
Board of Elections



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Wayne County Board of Elections
Organizational Board Meeting
July 22, 2025

Robert C. Jackson, Chairman

Eddie L. Edwards, Member

Tristian K. Beard, Member

Anne C. Risku, Director

Nicki T. Artis, Secretary

Charles Wright, Member

Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

Wayne County Clerk of Superior Court Julie Whitfield administered the Board Member oath of office to Mr. Artis, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Beard and the Chairman oath of office to Mr. Jackson in accordance with NCGS 163-30(e).

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time, and a quorum was present. Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the July 22, 2025, meeting agenda

- a. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the July 22, 2025, meeting agenda. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Organization according to NCGS 163-31(a)

- a. Mr. Jackson opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of the Board.
 - i. Mr. Beard nominated Mr. Artis to serve as Secretary.
 - ii. Mr. Edwards nominated Mr. Wright to serve as Secretary.
- b. Mr. Jackson placed the Wright nomination on the floor.
 - i. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wright voted in favor. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Artis, and Mr. Beard opposed.
- c. Mr. Jackson then placed the Artis nomination on the floor.
 - i. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Artis, and Mr. Beard voted in favor. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wright opposed.
- d. Mr. Artis was elected Secretary for the 2025-2027 term of the Wayne County Board of Elections.

III. Approval of April 8, 2025, meeting minutes

- a. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the April 8, 2025, meeting minutes.
 - i. Mr. Wright noted at this meeting a member of the audience engaged with him directly during public comments. This was not in the minutes, and he felt it set a precedence.
 - ii. Mr. Edwards made a motion to amend Mr. Artis' motion to include the interaction discussed by Mr. Wright. Mr. Artis declined to accept the amendment to his motion.
 - iii. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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IV. Director's Update

- a. Ms. Risku updated the Board on 2025 Municipal candidate filing, 2026 candidate filing, Board meeting schedule, Board Member materials, the election calendar, precinct official appointments and training, and the upcoming NCSBE conference.
- b. Ms. Risku informed the Board that staff had completed the NCSBE's Registration Repair program. Mr. Jackson asked for clarification on the causes of the deficiencies and procedures going forward.
- c. Ms. Risku and Mr. Neal reviewed new NCSBE numbered memos and pertinent litigation.
- d. The Board set a meeting for August 5, 2025, at 4:00 pm to discuss the Early Voting Plan for the 2025 Municipal and Sanitary District election. Both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Wright asked clarifying questions on guidelines.
- e. Mr. Wright asked for a definition of "acceptable photo ID." Ms. Risku and Mr. Neal reviewed the legal requirements and provisional process with the Board.

V. Public Comment

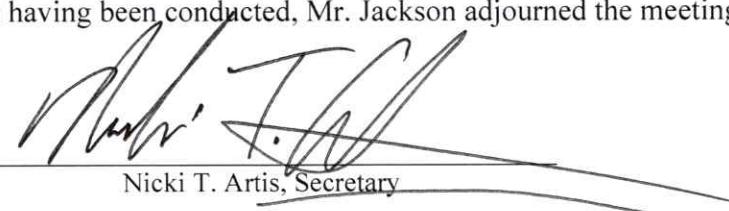
- a. Julie Whitfield, 760 Corbett Hill Rd, Mt. Olive, NC 28365, thanked the Board for allowing her to be a part of their swearing-in process and wished them well in their upcoming term.

VI. Board Member Comment

- a. Mr. Artis thanked staff for their hard work and members of the public for attending the swearing-in ceremony.
- b. Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Risku and her staff for their assistance and stated Wayne County has the best Board of Elections in North Carolina. He also welcomed the new Board members.
- c. Mr. Wright expressed agreement with statements made by Mr. Artis and Mr. Edwards.
- d. Mr. Beard stated he was proud to be on the Board and looked forward to serving Wayne County.
- e. Mr. Jackson thanked the members of the public in attendance and stated that he looked forward to working with the other Board members.

VII. Adjournment

- a. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary