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Wayne County Board of Elections Board Meeting December 9, 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, County Attorney

The meeting was held at the properly noticed date and time, and a quorum was present. Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Approval of the December 9, 2025 Meeting Agenda

- a. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the December 9, 2025 meeting agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of November 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- a. Mr. Artis made a motion to approve the November 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Director's Update

- a. Ms. Risku updated the Board on candidate filing, 2026 election schedule, coding, sample ballots, upcoming conference, budget, municipality billing, and the possibility of moving municipal elections to even years.

IV. Early Voting Schedule

- a. Ms. Risku stated she put the Early Voting schedule back on the agenda as some Members stated they wished to discuss if further after the original plan was passed – specifically regarding the Mt. Olive Train Depot. Ms. Risku recommended leaving the schedule as is and addressing it prior to the November 2026 election. Mr. Jackson, Mr. Artis, and Mr. Beard discussed the process for looking at a new Early Voting location in the Town of Mt. Olive. Mr. Jackson asked staff to look at options and the Board will review prior to the November 3, 2026 election.

V. Public Comment

- a. Nichole Dixon, 410 Planters Ridge Dr., Pikeville, NC 27863 stated that it is confusing when candidates put their signs out during elections in which they are not on the ballot.
- b. Sherwood Williford, 142 Aycock Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530 thanked the Board for their service and stated he was glad to be at the meeting.

VI. Board Comments

- a. Mr. Wright made a motion that Board Members be allowed to submit agenda items one

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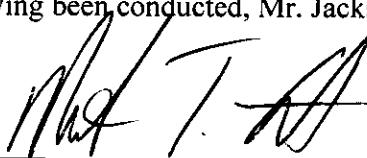
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week prior to a meeting. He stated that currently Ms. Risku makes the agenda without any Board input and he wanted the Board to set a policy that any Board Member could request an item be placed on the agenda a week in advance. Mr. Artis asked if the Board needed to set a policy. Mr. Neal responded that generally Board Members just send their agenda items to Ms. Risku, but the Board can make a policy if it chooses to. Mr. Jackson stated he asks for any amendments to the agenda at the beginning of every meeting. Mr. Wright responded that he tried before and was shot down. Mr. Neal informed Mr. Wright that he can make a motion to amend the agenda if he would like something added. Mr. Wright stated again he wanted Board Members to have the right to place an item on the agenda a week before the meeting. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Artis both stated that that is how it currently is – any Member can reach out to Ms. Risku prior to the meeting. Ms. Risku stated no Member has ever asked her to adjust the agenda in any way even though they all know they are welcome to do so. Mr. Wright then stated he also wants the agenda sent out three business days before the meeting because sometimes he doesn't have enough time to review it when received on Friday. Ms. Risku said she would do so. Mr. Neal reminded the Board that there was a motion on the floor and asked Mr. Wright if he was withdrawing his motion. Mr. Jackson stated he didn't think it needed to be in the form of a motion. Mr. Wright said he was not withdrawing his motion because he wanted this topic emphasized in the minutes. Mr. Jackson asked for a second; there was none. The motion died for lack of second. Mr. Wright asked for clarification on public information and public records because people keep emailing him at his personal email address regarding Board business. He asked if he had to maintain the records and does the North Carolina State Board of Elections provide his email to people? Mr. Neal stated that any business correspondence is public record, and he must maintain the records in accordance with North Carolina record retention laws. Ms. Risku stated that when people ask for Board Member contact information the County and State Boards are required to provide it. She stated if he was bothered by receiving emails at his email address, he could set up a separate Board business email like other Board members have done. Mr. Wright stated it bothered him. Ms. Risku responded that he should set up a new email and send it to her and that will be the contact used for him for Board of Elections matters going forward.

VII. Adjournment

- a. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.



Nicki T. Artis, Secretary