

**Eddie L. Edwards III**

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**Anne C. Risku**

*Director*

# County of Wayne

## Board of Elections

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#### Board Meeting

**January 10, 2023**

Eddie L. Edwards, III, Chairman  
Nicki T. Artis, Member  
Charles Wright, Member  
Anne Risku, Director

Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary  
Bridgette C. Cowan, Member (absent)  
Andrew Neal, Staff Attorney

**The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. Edwards.**

**I. Approval of the January 10, 2023 Agenda**

- a. Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/1/22, 11/7/22, 11/8/22, 11/14/22, 11/17/22, 11/18/22**

- a. Mr. Hull made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/1/22, 11/7/22, 11/8/22, 11/14/22, 11/17/22, and 11/18/22 meetings. Mr. Artis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**III. Director Update**

- a. **Redistricting:** Staff has completed geocoding the updated Goldsboro maps post-election and updated all online maps. The maps were passed in the middle of the previous election so staff waited to update once the November election was finalized. Fremont seemed to know nothing about the process when staff inquired of their status. They have since hired a consultant so staff is in a holding pattern for Fremont.
- b. **List Maintenance:** Staff has completed biennial list maintenance that sends contact mailings to voters who have not voted in the previous two federal elections. Around 3,900 inactive voters were removed via annual list maintenance. These individuals have been inactive for the last two federal elections. Staff will also send out the National Change of Address mailing soon. This task is completed every 6 months and is mailed to voters whose USPS address and voter registration address are different.
- c. **Budget:** Ms. Risku has already started working on the budget. She plans to include voting booths and a new vehicle on the CIP plan. The budget will include all 4 possible elections: Oct 2023, November 2023, March 2024, and June 2024.
- d. **Election Calendar:** Ms. Risku informed the Board that she has reached out to Goldsboro City staff about possibly amending the city's charter to remove the October primary election. The election is only triggered if more than 2 individuals file for one office. The close proximity of the two elections makes it difficult to turn around Absentee requests and is very confusing for voters. The 2019 Primary cost the City of Goldsboro \$33,000.00 and less than 10% of eligible voters participated. Municipal filing will be July 7-21, 2023. Staff will publish notices and schedules for November prior to filing. If a primary election is necessary, information will then be amended. Mr. Neal informed the Board that there is a deadline in the City's Charter and that they are aware of it.

**IV. Public Comment:** No one presented to speak.

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### V. Board Comments

- a. Mr. Wright thanked Ms. Risku for going before the Commissioners in regards to their pay increase and to present an update on the recent election. He stated he didn't realize it would be so challenging and unpleasant. He noted that the Board should be present in the future.
- b. Mr. Edwards stated the reaction by the Commissioners was unfortunate and he would have attended had he expected such a response. He complimented Ms. Risku for her presentation to the Commissioners regarding the November election.

### VI. Adjournment

- a. With all business having been conducted, Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Artis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.



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Jimmy E. Hull

Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary