

# Buncombe County Board of Elections

## Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

**Monitor Name:** Aiden Carson

**Meeting Date & time:** January 11, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

### **Names of Board Members Attending:**

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Elizabeth Newman, Secretary \*

Stephen Aceto – Board Member

Robert Carpenter – Board Member \*

\*Attended remotely. It's hard to tell whether Linda Block was on remotely since they don't announce the names in a formal way. This was a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting specially set up to accommodate needs for the hearing, so virtual attendees were shown on a screen in the actual room. They apologized for occasional echoing caused by that arrangement

**Staff Attending:** Corinne Duncan (Director) (also remote)

**County Staff:** the County Attorney (didn't get his name)

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Jake Quinn. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item: **Office Updates** given by Director Corrine Duncan

- State BOE Conference will be held virtually on March 14-15.
- The hiring process has begun for new employees.
- As part of a county-wide initiative, the Interchange Building will be outfitted with an alert system called ALERTUS to aid in communications during emergencies.
- Staff has submitted an updated schedule to the Board to be approved at the next meeting.
- They will need to approve the new budget this Spring (2/8?)
- Mr. Aceto asked for an update on plans to improve the process for appointing election judges. Jake said they are working on a better process and it will involve newly developed Precinct Profile Reports.

## Agenda Item: **Preliminary Hearing**

- Holt Pearce appeared before the Board to challenge the voter registration of Keith Ginsburg.
- He submitted evidence to demonstrate that Mr. Ginsburg has moved to South Carolina.
- County Attorney was present and clarified that their goal at this preliminary hearing was to determine if there is probable cause that the voter is ineligible. If that is found, there will be a full hearing where the voter can make a rebuttal.
- Jake moved that they proceed to a formal hearing. Aceto seconded and the motion was approved.
- The hearing will probably be at the next Board meeting on 2/8.

In other news, Liz Carpenter will be leaving the Board and hopes to have a successor before the next meeting. No details were given.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM