

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Karen Ward

Meeting Date & Time: July 19, 2022 5:30 pm

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member, attending by Zoom

Names of Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan, Director

Karen Rae

Neggy Fox (Election Preparation Specialist)

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Chairman, Jake Quinn

Chairman Quinn welcomed the attendees in the room and the virtual attendees. He asked the attendees in the room to sign the guest register as per procedure.

Agenda Item: Minutes

Chairman Quinn asked that the minutes from the last two meetings be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Office Updates given by Director Corrine Duncan

- She noted that the State Board of Elections Conference for Board Members is in August
- She has drafted a Board Meeting schedule for elections for the Board members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Buncombe County Board of Elections and the Buncombe County Human Resources Department

- There is a third stakeholder group involved, which is the staff.
- Chrm. Quinn stated that the B.C. BOE has used the B.C. HR department's expertise and functionality. But they need to formalize the relationship and come to an understanding of the relationship. He stated that the County is redoing their

policies, particularly regarding organizations with Boards.

- The B.C. Human Resources director, Ms. Burke, is coming to the BOE meeting next Tuesday and they will continue the discussion then.
- One of the Board members asked Ms. Duncan for a PDF of the personnel policies.

Agenda Item: Presentation of the Proposed Early Voting Plan Recommendations by Neggy Fox, Election Preparation Specialist.

Ms. Fox had slides with her presentation, which she wants the Board to consider and have discussion at the meeting next Tuesday. She said that they have a budget for up to 12 sites, but if they do have 12 sites, there would be the issue of finding enough workers. The survey regarding proposals about early voting, which is on the BOE's website, ends July 22 at 5:00.

Agenda item: Review of Precinct Operations presented by Karen Rae (?title?)

- Most importantly, they need to appoint a full-time recruiter for workers.
- Workers need better knowledge of the job that they are being asked to do, which could help prevent attrition.
- Precinct chairs recruit, but don't always tell the recruits about the job.
- Board member Aceto noted that there is more attrition from Republicans, and questioned if there is hostility toward them.
- Chairman Quinn said that someone (?) needs to do a better job communicating to the parties.
- A Republican Precinct Chair in the audience spoke: "People said they weren't contacted."
- The law requires that there is only one shift on Election Day, which forces a very long day, and anxiety in new workers. Chairman Quinn said that the state legislators are the only people who could make a change to the one-shift law.

Chairman Quinn shared that they are getting calls that campaign finance reports are all on the BOE website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm