

**BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**2128 SOUTH STERLING STREET-SUITE 100**  
**MORGANTON NC 28655**  
**TUESDAY MAY 09, 2023**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Attending; Sandi Walker, Anthony Iovino, Beverly Carlton, LH Kirksey and Linda Walker.  
Staff; Debbie Mace Guests; Carla Kincaid, Pam Genant  
Chairman LH Kirksey called the meeting to order at 10AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance,  
followed by a moment of silence.

In the time for public comments, Pam Genant asked about the recent court decision on voter ID.  
More information will be available soon was the response from Director Mace.  
Carla Kincaid thanked the board members and the Director for attending the recent NAACP  
meeting and providing the information on voting and recent changes in local elections.

Sandi Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All approved.  
Beverly Carlton made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 11, 2023 regular meeting  
as presented. Linda Walker abstained due to absence from the meeting. Remaining board  
members approved the motion.

**Business;**

Discussion was held on the policy of the board for use of the trailers, background and  
relationship of the board of elections with the county general services. In the interest of  
maintaining this positive relationship, the board members will work with the county general  
services in their use of the trailers when necessary. FYI only, no action was taken.

Director Mace gave an update on the meeting with the NAACP on May 4, 2023. All agreed it  
was a very positive meeting.

Director Mace gave the board members an update on the early voting for the municipal election  
in November with the schedule used in the last municipal election.

Sandi Walker made a motion to schedule the hours for one stop early voting for this municipal  
election as follows; 8 – 5 on the week days and 8 – 3 on the Saturday before election day at the  
four early voting locations; Burke County Board of Elections, Burke Senior Center Morganton,  
Rutherford College Town Hall, and Hildebran Senior Center, Early voting will begin October  
19, 2023 and end Saturday November 4, 2023. All approved.

Discussion was held on signage for the 13 precincts that will not be open for the municipal  
election. Sandi will provide signs and wire holders.

Director Mace gave the board members an update on the open Elections Specialist III position.  
She has interviewed 3 individuals.

Director Mace asked for direction from the board on bringing the most likely candidates for  
the board members to interview and determine the best one to hire. After discussion the board  
members determined to have a special called meeting for this purpose on May 18, 2023.

Director Mace updated the board members on the upcoming training by the SBoE. The dates  
are August 13, 14, & 15. All board members and staff will be attending.

With no further business for the board, Anthony Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 AM  
All approved. Submitted by Sandi Walker secretary.