

SWAIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEETING MINUTES December 6, 2022

Attending: Hannah Smith Chair, Jim Nations, MaryK Buranosky, Linda Sawyer, Jeramy Shuler, Anna Fuller - Deputy Director

Hannah Smith called the meeting to order.

Minutes from November 7,8 and November 18 Canvass were circulated. Jim Nations motioned to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Fuller circulated 2 documents regarding voting process and NC SS 163-123 Procedure for Qualifying as a Write-in Candidate.

There were no further items for discussion. Jeramy Shuler moved to adjourn the meeting. All approved.

Chair Smith called for a closed session to discuss a personnel issue to prevent the disclosure of information that is made privileged or confidential by G.S.143-318.10(e).

Chair Smith circulated a draft document from a previously closed session for review by the board.

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the document with approved suggestions. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

After signatures are obtained on this document Director Allman will be notified by the board prior to submission to the NCBOE Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell.

The Board came out of the closed session at 6:15.

There were no further items for discussion. MaryK Buranosky moved to adjourn the meeting. All approved.

Next meeting January 3,2023

Respectfully submitted,
MaryK Buranosky
Swain BOE Secretary

*no minutes for meeting
held on Nov. 28th*

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*not
aware
of any*

regarding my deputy director

Judy Allman

From: Judy Allman
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2022 8:44 AM
To: 'MaryK Buranosky'
Subject: RE: Performance Notes
Attachments: DOC100622-10062022083706.pdf

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Sorry been covered up she is back today and I think we should sit down and talk we have been talking this morning and I think we might be on the right track. I would like to get this behind us and move forward and I feel she is willing to try. I am attaching what I have. I know it's not perfect but it's all I have had time to do. It would be better if you come to the office since I have a mock election going on today and we are so busy. You can come anytime.

From: MaryK Buranosky <mburanosky.boe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2022 8:08 AM
To: Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>
Cc: Hannah Smith <Mrmaples2000@yahoo.com> - only to chair
Subject: Performance Notes

Good Morning Judy,

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You were going to send me some notes you had taken from July and August before my meeting.

Thank you,
MaryK

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Judy Allman

From: Judy Allman
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 9:24 AM
To: MaryK Buranosky
Subject: Re: Sample ballot

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I have to run to sylvia really quick but can be back at the office soon do you want to meet me here in a little while

On Oct 13, 2022 9:14 AM, MaryK Buranosky <mburanosky.boe@gmail.com> wrote:

Judy,

I understand your frustration and will come by so you can understand mine.

MaryK

On Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 12:04 AM Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov> wrote:

Maryk I wish you would have contacted me before this got out of hand I feel like I am always the last one to know after the fact and I will not be reprimanded for what other people have said I will call you tomorrow and you will see that not everything is as it seems

When
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email
was sent
about me
without my
knowledge or
3 bd. members

Judy Allman

From: Judy Allman
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 2:49 PM
To: 'trena.velez@ncsbe.gov'
Subject: FW: Swain BOE

This was when the two of them came up with the idea of putting together a standards and procedures manual for the office and I told them my policy was going by the law book but they went on and got Chris Cooper from WCU involved again not the other board members nothing has come of that yet

From: Christopher Cooper <ccooper@email.wcu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Maryk Buranosky <maryk.buranosky@gmail.com>; Anna Fuller <anna.fuller@swaincountync.gov>; Hannah Smith <Mrmaples2000@yahoo.com>; Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>
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Yes, the situation abroad is quite concerning, I agree completely.

Glad you saw that piece—it was well-done, I thought!

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And I just got the documents. Thank you. I'll meet with some of my students in a few minutes and begin to work through them.

Chris

From: Maryk Buranosky <maryk.buranosky@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 9:37 AM
To: Anna Fuller <anna.fuller@swaincountync.gov>, Christopher Cooper <ccooper@email.wcu.edu>, Hannah Smith <Mrmaples2000@yahoo.com>, Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>
Subject: Re: Swain BOE

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From: Maryk Buranosky <maryk.buranosky@gmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 4:19 PM

To: Christopher Cooper <ccooper@email.wcu.edu>

Subject: Swain BOE

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To: James Nations <jenations173@gmail.com>; Thomas Jeramy Shuler <alishuler3@gmail.com>; 'dasawyer13@msn.com' <dasawyer13@msn.com>
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Pray for Peace ,
MaryK
321-228-2854

On Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 9:26 AM Christopher Cooper <ccooper@email.wcu.edu> wrote:

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I hope this can be a joint effort between us all. The idea is to get the "content" together and deciding how the content is used or where and how its stored is a decisin for later...based on the content.

Please give some feedback, my feelings won't be hurt AT ALL. The best way to a great product is to discuss and decide.

I'll let Mary round us all up at a date and time she figures out if its necessary to have a face to face before something is submitted to Mr. Cooper at WCU.

Thanks everyone,
Hannah

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Hannah Smith <hannsmith@ebci-nsn.gov>

To: mrmmaples2000 <mrmmaples2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 10:08:58 AM EST

Subject: TOC for SCBOE SOP

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To: 'trena.velez@ncsbe.gov'
Subject: FW: [External] FW: TOC for SCBOE SOP

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From: Noce, John <John.Noce@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] FW: TOC for SCBOE SOP

That's interesting. Sounds like it's basically a big FAQ. Not sure why the college is involved or needs to be involved though.

John

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From: Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:58:27 PM
To: Noce, John <John.Noce@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: TOC for SCBOE SOP

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From: manuel maples <mrmaples2000@yahoo.com> ✱
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Maryk Buranosky <maryk.buranosky@gmail.com>; Judy Allman <jallman@swaincountync.gov>; Anna Fuller <anna.fuller@swaincountync.gov> ↑
Subject: Fw: TOC for SCBOE SOP

Guys, here is a list of topics that I would like to have the WCU folks help us fill in. This is by no means meant to be exhaustive or limiting.

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NUMBERED MEMO 2018-03

TO: County Boards of Elections
FROM: Kim Strach, Executive Director
RE: New County Boards and the Upcoming Primary
DATE: April 17, 2018

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We are just a day away from the beginning of one-stop early voting and North Carolina's first election with four-member boards! It is very important that we continue the success we have had over the past several years in ensuring uniformity in our processes. Please share this Numbered Memo with your board members.

Meetings and Proceedings of County Boards

Nearly all county boards now have four members. Remember that a county board cannot meet without a *quorum*, which means three members must be in attendance. Please also note that the support of at least three members is required for any board action. These requirements are contained in G.S. § 163A-767.

The State Board has directed that all board members must vote on all matters that come before them unless the member has a conflict that would require recusal. A board member cannot simply decide not to vote on a matter that is before the board. If a board member does have a conflict of interest, the board should follow the process in G.S. § 153A-44 and board members are encouraged to consult with their county attorney.

 As members of a public body, county board members must comply with G.S. Ch. 143, Article 33C, which includes public notice requirements, records requirements, and rules for electronic meetings. Bear in mind that outside of a meeting no more than **two** county board members can meet or exchange emails to discuss anything that is the subject of board responsibilities.

Notice Regarding Social Media

All staff and board members are reminded that we are all prohibited from making written or oral statements intended for the general public that support or oppose a candidate or referendum. We must be aware of this obligation at all times, including when engaging in social media. Many of you have already received the State Board's Notice Regarding Social Media, but I have provided the link in case you have not yet reviewed the material.

Re-codified Chapter 163A

The General Assembly has updated its website to display Chapter 163A. Westlaw is preparing new statute books. Although it is a challenge to learn new statutory citations, we have posted a helpful [conversion table](#) and have updated the online [Election Law Index](#).

Prior Guidance

There are several Numbered Memos that you should review and provide to your new board members:

[Numbered Memo 2016-15 Same-Day Registration During One-Stop Early Voting](#)

[Numbered Memo 2016-16 Voter Assistance](#)

[Numbered Memo 2016-17 Polling Site Preparation](#)

[Numbered Memo 2016-20 Conduct at the Polls](#)

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Election Security

Thank you to all the counties that have signed up to join the Election Infrastructure-ISAC. As of this past Friday, 72 counties are members! This is another important effort we can undertake to secure our elections this year. The threats remain high and the malicious actors are only getting better. Remain vigilant with respect to emails you receive. Don't click on links unless you are certain of the origin. Alert your board members as well. Malicious actors are constantly seeking opportunities to exploit, so we must do everything possible to eliminate any vulnerabilities.

We now have the ability to identify emails that may contain harmful links before they are allowed into our system. If you have emails that contain absentee ballots, we recommend you send those emails to ABSENTEE@ncsbe.gov. If the email contains an actual ballot, we will email you the ballot immediately.

Additional Questions or Concerns

Questions arise with every election, especially with board members who have only recently been appointed. We are a resource for you and your new boards. If any part of this memo or the memos it references is unclear, please let us know. When you have a question, don't hesitate to ask; it's very likely that your neighboring counties have the same question. Further, we are in a better position to assist you and counties when we are alerted to issues you are facing on the ground.

This is not only the first election for many new board members but it is the first election for many new directors. We want to make sure our new directors have all the guidance and support needed. If you have a new director in your district, reach out and let them know you support them.

April 17, 2018

Successful elections do not happen without you. Your dedication and hard work has made our elections both fair and secure. I have no doubt that we will all continue to do everything possible this election and for all future elections to ensure that same result.

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The Director is Protected

- GS 163-35 gives the SBE Executive Director the authority to approve or not approve the actions of a CBE to dismiss a Director.
- Dismissal is for good cause.
- Dismissal cannot be for personal reasons unless it adversely affects job performance and credibility of the CBE.
- Use SBE as a resource or a “Sounding Board” to help work out issues.



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Numbered Memo 2022-08

TO: County Boards of Elections
FROM: Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director
RE: Authority for Remote Meetings
DATE: August 17, 2022

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On August 15, 2022, North Carolina's declared state of emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic ended. The statute authorizing remote meetings during a declared emergency provided authority for remote meetings, including quasi-judicial proceedings, when certain requirements were met.¹

This numbered memo provides guidance for county boards of elections regarding the conduct of remote meetings now that the state of emergency is not in effect.

General Types of Meetings

In general, county board of elections may conduct remote meetings without board members being physically present at the county board office.² If a county board decides to hold a remote meeting, it must include information about how to access the remote meeting in its

¹ G.S. § 166A-19.24.

² The Open Meetings Law defines an "official meeting" as "a meeting, assembly, or gathering together at any time or place or the simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of the members of a public body for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business within the jurisdiction, real or apparent, of the public body." G.S. § 143-318.10(d). The law has a specific section dedicated to "electronic meetings," which may be by "conference telephone or other electronic means." G.S. § 163-318.13(a). Additionally, the statute providing for remote meetings during a declared state of emergency specifies that it "does not supersede any authority for electronic meetings under Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes," which is where the above-cited statutes are found. G.S. § 166A-19.24(h).

meeting notice.³

When a meeting is held remotely, whether by audio or video means, votes should be by roll call. The chair should note which board member made a motion and who seconded the motion. This will help provide a clear record of board member participation for all actions that take place in the meeting.

Meetings That May Require Physical Presence

Some meetings, such as canvass, absentee meetings, and quasi-judicial proceedings, may necessitate physical presence of the board due to the need to review documents or take evidence.

Appointment of County Board Members

County board members are required to meet in person when board members take the oath of office after appointment every two years. G.S. § 163-31(a) provides:

“In each county of the State the members of the county board of elections shall meet at the courthouse or board office at noon on the Tuesday following the third Monday in July in the year of their appointment and, after taking the oath of office provided in G.S. 163-30, they shall organize by electing one member secretary of the county board of elections.”

If a board member cannot be physically present for this meeting, they should be sworn in at the next meeting or at an alternative time. The chair⁴ or another authorized individual⁵ may administer the oath.

Absentee Meetings

A quorum of board members must be physically present during each absentee board meeting.⁶ Board members need to be physically present to review absentee envelopes prior to approval and to supervise the scanning and counting process, when applicable. Once a quorum of members is physically present, it is permissible for the remaining board members to attend remotely. Board members participating remotely must be able to view all materials under review by the board. See Numbered Memo 2020-25 for additional information about the conduct of absentee board meetings.

³ G.S. § 143-318.13(a).

⁴ G.S. § 163-33.1.

⁵ G.S. § 11-7.1.

⁶ See G.S. § 163-234.

Canvass

A quorum of board members must be physically present at canvass.⁷ Board members need to be physically present to review canvass documents and other materials. Once a quorum of members is physically present, it is permissible for the remaining board members to attend remotely. Board members participating remotely must be able to view all materials under review by the board.

As a reminder, all appointed board members are required to attend canvass, in one form or another.⁸

Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

County boards of elections should generally conduct quasi-judicial evidentiary hearings in person (*e.g.*, election protest, candidate challenge, and voter challenge hearings). Due process rights as well as practical considerations make the taking of testimony or other evidence at a remote meeting difficult. For a further discussion of this issue, see the UNC School of Government's post, Remote Participation in Quasi-Judicial Evidentiary Hearings. Non-evidentiary hearings, such as preliminary consideration of election protests or preliminary hearings for voter challenges, do not require physical presence.

⁷ G.S. § 163-182.5(b) provides: "The canvass meeting shall be at the county board of elections office, unless the county board, by unanimous vote of all its members, designates another site within the county."

⁸ G.S. § 163-89(e) provides: "All members of the board shall attend the canvass and all members shall be present for the hearing of challenges to absentee ballots." See also Numbered Memo 2018-05.

Judy Allman

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Subject: Information

I will begin with how it started. There is a group that call themselves Swain Indivisible that claim they are non partisan. They come to the office and demand hundreds of sample ballots at a time then will come back everyday for more. We did this as a courtesy but it was getting where we could not keep them for the voters. We have told them several times that they would have to make their own copies to no avail. My board member Maryk Buranosky was getting some of them. We were trying to set up one-stop to begin the next day and one of the members came in and was demanding 50 copies and we told her that we could not do this anymore because we could not get our work done and they would have to make their own copies from now on. Little did she know that one of my board members was in my office with me and saw this. He instructed us to give her 25 and that was all. She said she would sent someone to pick up the other 25 at 3:00 pm and left. We were so busy and the board member saw this and told us that we gave her the 25 and to not do anymore for them. At that time Luke Hyde came in and said he was there to pick up the rest of the ballots. My deputy director and part time worker wrote this down and attested to that. I called my board member Jeramy Shuler and instructed him of what was going on and he instructed me to tell him that we could not do this anymore and he could call him with questions. I informed him of that and he went ballistic and left called me back and wanted the county attorney info and also called Jeramy and claimed that he never said what they told me and that we

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refused to give him a sample ballot. The next thing is that this group had done a voter registration drive at the high school and I received a phone call from someone that would not state their name about concern that they were possibly pre marking the ballots straight Dem and I have been here for 17 years and in under Joanie I know for a fact that they would be outside the polling places handing out pre marked sample ballots to voters because they would bring them inside and ask us to throw them away. I do not know what Joanie did about that and I didn't ask. I new there was a statute about this and I tried to get in touch with Paul cox but could not so I called John Noce and he emailed it to me. I did print this out and made copies if the ones doing it needed to see the statute. I wanted clarification on what was handed out and I would have done it no matter who it was because the law applies to all. I went to the high school and asked if I could see what was given out at the voter registration drive only for clarification that they were not marked in any way. I did not target anyone nor did I say any names they said they would call me and let me know and with that I left. I also know that Jeff Helpman who teaches sometimes at the high school is the one that organized the drive. I had a one stop training that afternoon with one stop workers that Leila Hyde is one (not certain about that one as well) and she came back to my office and asked if she was in trouble and I had no idea what she was talking about. Someone had apparently already called her about being up there. I assured her as well that I was only getting clarification and it applied to everyone. She asked for a copy of the statute and that was the only person that received one. Next thing I know is my board member sending an email defending the group and representing the board sending it only to Hannah Smith (Chair of the boe board, Leila Hyde, Brenda Denargo and John Noce. I was never contacted nor were the other three board members at any time. John forwarded them to me because he saw that I was not included in the recipients. I informed the board members of this and Jim Nations asked me to put just sample ballots on the agenda for the meeting on October 25th, 2022 which I did. They are accusing me of things that are not true which has happened before but not to this extent. I told Jim and Jeramy that I would not take this anymore and I would speak my mind and confront them. Hannah Smith called me the afternoon of the meeting and wanted to know if we had anything else on the agenda except the absentee ballots because [REDACTED] and was not going to come. I told her the

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majority would be here. She sent a text to me and said yes but is there anything else on the agenda other than approving absentee ballots. A reply was sent yes something about sample ballots in which she replied thank you that was what I needed to know and all of a sudden she was all about coming to the meeting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can only assume that the two members knew something was up. We met outside since voting was going on and it was nice and warm. She called the meeting to order and the ballots were passed around and approved. She then saw the sample ballots and ofcourse she wanted to table it until after the election when I spoke up and said no that I had some things that I wanted to get off my chest. As usual she started pointing the finger and saying that she was the chair and she kept the order and control of the meetings so I told her this was one time that she was going to listen and I was going to talk. She kept trying to cut me off and I kept on talking. I respect the other three members because they sat there and let me have my say Hannah kept interrupting and telling me to lower my voice and then MaryK proceeded to start screaming at me and accusing me and Hannah would reach over and pat her on the arm. She was never called down by Hannah for anything but just consoled by her. Jeramy spoke up the next time she screamed at me and said I am going to stop this right now. My workers inside said they could hear her yelling and screaming at me and so could the voters that were voting. I excused myself and Hannah said well I guess we are adjourned in which Jim Nations responded no we are not. I do not know what went on from there and have not heard anything from anyone since then. If I can figure out how to forward the text messages from both members that have been sent to me I will and I am sending everything to you. Thanks I know this is lengthy but was trying to include all details

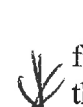
§ 163-31. Meetings of county boards of elections; quorum; minutes.

(a) In each county of the State the members of the county board of elections shall meet at the courthouse or board office at noon on the Tuesday following the third Monday in July in the year of their appointment and, after taking the oath of office provided in G.S. 163-30, they shall organize by electing one member secretary of the county board of elections.

(b) On the Tuesday following the third Monday in August of the year in which they are appointed the county board of elections shall meet and appoint precinct chief judges and judges of elections.

(c) The board may hold other meetings at such times as the chair of the board, or any three members thereof, may direct, for the performance of duties prescribed by law.

 (d) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of board business. The chair shall notify, or cause to be notified, all members regarding every meeting to be held by the board.

 (e) The county board of elections shall keep minutes recording all proceedings and findings at each of its meetings. The minutes shall be recorded in a book which shall be kept in the board office and it shall be the responsibility of the secretary, elected by the board, to keep the required minute book current and accurate. The secretary of the board may designate the director of elections to record and maintain the minutes under the secretary's supervision. (1901, c. 89, s. 11; Rev., ss. 4304, 4306; C.S., ss. 5925, 5927; 1921, c. 181, s. 2; 1923, c. 111, s. 1; 1927, c. 260, s. 1; 1933, c. 165, s. 2; 1941, c. 305, s. 1; 1945, c. 758, s. 2; 1953, c. 410, s. 1; c. 1191, s. 2; 1957, c. 182, s. 1; 1959, c. 1203, s. 1; 1966, Ex. Sess., c. 5, s. 2; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1969, c. 208, s. 2; 1975, c. 159, s. 2; 1977, c. 626; 1983, c. 617, s. 3; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 13; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 2016-125, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 5(i); 2017-6, ss. 2, 3, 7(i); 2018-146, ss. 3.1(a), (b), 4.3(b).)

§ 163-35. Director of elections to county board of elections; appointment; compensation; duties; dismissal.

(a) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of county director of elections in any of the county boards of elections in this State, the county board of elections shall submit the name of the person it recommends to fill the vacancy, in accordance with provisions specified in this section, to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections who shall issue a letter of appointment. A person shall not serve as a director of elections if he:

- (1) Holds any elective public office;
- (2) Is a candidate for any office in a primary or election;
- (3) Holds any office in a political party or committee thereof;
- (4) Is a campaign chairman or finance chairman for any candidate for public office or serves on any campaign committee for any candidate;
- (5) Has been convicted of a felony in any court unless his rights of citizenship have been restored pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of the General Statutes of North Carolina;
- (6) Has been removed at any time by the State Board of Elections following a public hearing; or
- (7) Is a member or a spouse, child, spouse of child, parent, sister, or brother of a member of the county board of elections by whom he would be employed.

(b) Appointment, Duties; Termination. – Upon receipt of a nomination from the county board of elections stating that the nominee for director of elections is submitted for appointment upon majority selection by the county board of elections the Executive Director shall issue a letter of appointment of such nominee to the chairman of the county board of elections within 10 days after receipt of the nomination, unless good cause exists to decline the appointment. The Executive Director may delay the issuance of appointment for a reasonable time if necessary to obtain a criminal history records check sought under G.S. 143B-968. The Executive Director shall apply the standards provided in G.S. 163-27.2 in determining whether a nominee with a criminal history shall be selected. If the Executive Director determines a nominee shall not be selected and does not issue a letter of appointment, the decision of the Executive Director of the State Board shall be final unless the decision is, within 10 days from the official date on which it was made, deferred by the State Board. If the State Board defers the decision, then the State Board shall make a final decision on appointment of the director of elections and may direct the Executive Director to issue a letter of appointment. If an Executive Director issues a letter of appointment, the county board of elections shall enter in its official minutes the specified duties, responsibilities and designated authority assigned to the director by the county board of elections. The specified duties and responsibilities shall include adherence to the duties delegated to the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-33. A copy of the specified duties, responsibilities and designated authority assigned to the director shall be filed with the State Board of Elections. In the event the Executive Director is recused due to an actual or apparent conflict of interest from rendering a decision under this section, the chair and vice-chair of the State Board shall designate a member of staff to fulfill those duties.

(c) Compensation of Directors of Elections. – Compensation paid to directors of elections in all counties maintaining full-time registration (five days per week) shall be in the form of a salary in an amount recommended by the county board of elections and approved by the Board of County Commissioners and shall be commensurate with the salary paid to directors in counties similarly situated and similar in population and number of registered voters.

The Board of County Commissioners in each county, whether or not the county maintains full-time or modified full-time registration, shall compensate the director of elections at a minimum rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for hours worked in attendance to his or her duties as prescribed by law, including rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of

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Elections. In addition, the county shall pay to the director an hourly wage of at least twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for all hours worked in excess of those prescribed in rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Elections, when such additional hours have been approved by the county board of elections and such approval has been recorded in the official minutes of the county board of elections.

In addition to the compensation provided for herein, the director of elections to the county board of elections shall be granted the same vacation leave, sick leave, and petty leave as granted to all other county employees. It shall also be the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate sufficient funds to compensate a replacement for the director of elections when authorized leave is taken.

(d) Duties. – The director of elections may be empowered by the county board of elections to perform such administrative duties as might be assigned by the board and the chairman. In addition, the director of elections may be authorized by the chairman to execute the responsibilities devolving upon the chairman provided such authorization by any chairman shall in no way transfer the responsibility for compliance with the law. The chairman shall remain liable for proper execution of all matters specifically assigned to him by law.

The county board of elections shall have authority, by resolution adopted by majority vote, to delegate to its director of elections so much of the administrative detail of the election functions, duties, and work of the board, its officers and members, as is now, or may hereafter be vested in the board or its members as the county board of elections may see fit: Provided, that the board shall not delegate to a director of elections any of its quasi-judicial or policy-making duties and authority. Such a resolution shall require adherence to the duties delegated to the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-33. Within the limitations imposed upon the director of elections by the resolution of the county board of elections the acts of a properly appointed director of elections shall be deemed to be the acts of the county board of elections, its officers and members.

(e) Training and Certification. – The State Board of Elections shall conduct a training program consisting of four weeks for each new county director of elections. The director shall complete that program. Each director appointed after May 1995 shall successfully complete a certification program as provided in G.S. 163-82.24(b) within three years after appointment or by January 1, 2003, whichever occurs later. (1953, c. 843; 1955, c. 800; 1963, c. 303, s. 1; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1971, c. 1166, s. 2; 1973, c. 859, s. 1; 1975, c. 211, ss. 1, 2; c. 713; 1977, c. 265, s. 21; c. 626, s. 1; c. 1129, s. 1; 1981, cc. 84, 221; 1983, c. 697; 1985, c. 763; 1991, c. 338, s. 2; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 16; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 1999-426, s. 7(a); 2001-319, ss. 1(a), 1(b), 11; 2004-203, s. 58; 2009-541, ss. 3, 4(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-13, s. 1(e); 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-274. Certain acts declared misdemeanors.

(a) Class 2 Misdemeanors. – Any person who shall, in connection with any primary or election in this State, do any of the acts and things declared in this subsection to be unlawful, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. It shall be unlawful to do any of the following:

- (1) For any person to fail, as an officer or as a judge or chief judge of a primary or election, or as a member of any board of elections, to prepare the books, ballots, and return blanks which it is the person's duty under the law to prepare, or to distribute the same as required by law, or to perform any other duty imposed upon that person within the time and in the manner required by law.
- (2) For any member, director, or employee of a board of elections to alter a voter registration application or other voter registration record without either the written authorization of the applicant or voter or the written authorization of the State Board of Elections.
- (3) For any person to continue or attempt to act as a judge or chief judge of a primary or election, or as a member of any board of elections, after having been legally removed from such position and after having been given notice of such removal.
- (4) For any person to break up or by force or violence to stay or interfere with the holding of any primary or election, to interfere with the possession of any ballot box, election book, ballot, or return sheet by those entitled to possession of the same under the law, or to interfere in any manner with the performance of any duty imposed by law upon any election officer or member of any board of elections.
- ~~(5)~~ For any person to be guilty of any boisterous conduct so as to disturb any member of any election board or any chief judge or judge of election in the performance of that person's duties as imposed by law.
- (6) For any person to bet or wager any money or other thing of value on any election.
- (7) For any person, directly or indirectly, to discharge or threaten to discharge from employment, or otherwise intimidate or oppose any legally qualified voter on account of any vote such voter may cast or consider or intend to cast, or not to cast, or which that voter may have failed to cast.
- (8) For any person to publish in a newspaper or pamphlet or otherwise, any charge derogatory to any candidate or calculated to affect the candidate's chances of nomination or election, unless such publication be signed by the party giving publicity to and being responsible for such charge.
- ~~(9)~~ For any person to publish or cause to be circulated derogatory reports with reference to any candidate in any primary or election, knowing such report to be false or in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity, when such report is calculated or intended to affect the chances of such candidate for nomination or election.
- (10) For any person to give or promise, in return for political support or influence, any political appointment or support for political office.
- ~~(11)~~ For any chair of a county board of elections or other returning officer to fail or neglect, willfully or of malice, to perform any duty, act, matter or thing required or directed in the time, manner and form in which said duty, matter or thing is required to be performed in relation to any primary, general or special election and the returns thereof.
- (12) For any clerk of the superior court to refuse to make and give to any person applying in writing for the same a duly certified copy of the returns of any

primary or election or of a tabulated statement to a primary or election, the returns of which are by law deposited in his office, upon the tender of the fees therefor.

- (13) For any person willfully and knowingly to impose upon any blind or illiterate voter a ballot in any primary or election contrary to the wish or desire of such voter, by falsely representing to such voter that the ballot proposed to the voter is such as the voter desires.
- (14) Except as authorized by G.S. 163-82.15, for any person to provide false information, or sign the name of any other person, to a written report under G.S. 163-82.15.
- (15) For any person to be compensated based on the number of forms submitted for assisting persons in registering to vote.
- (16) For any person who is not an elections official or who is not otherwise authorized by law to retain a registrant's signature, full or partial Social Security number, date of birth, or the identity of the public agency at which the registrant registered under G.S. 163-82.20, any electronic mail address submitted under Article 7A of this Chapter, or drivers license number from any form described in G.S. 163-82.3 after submission of the form to the county board of elections or elections official.

 (b) Class 1 Misdemeanor. – Any person who shall, in connection with any primary or election in this State, do any of the acts and things declared in this subsection to be unlawful shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. It shall be unlawful for any person who has access to an official voted ballot or record to knowingly disclose in violation of G.S. 163-165.1(e) how an individual has voted that ballot. (1931, c. 348, s. 9; 1951, c. 983, s. 1; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1979, c. 135, s. 3; 1987, c. 565, s. 13; c. 583, s. 9; 1993, c. 539, s. 1112; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 58(a)-(c); 1999-424, s. 7(h); 1999-426, s. 2(a); 1999-455, s. 21; 2007-391, ss. 9(b), 16(b); 2013-381, s. 14.1; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-13, s. 3.9(a); 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-22.2 Power of State Board to promulgate temporary rules and regulations.



In the event any portion of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes or any State election law or form of election of any county board of commissioners, local board of education, or city officer is held unconstitutional or invalid by a State or federal court or is unenforceable because of objection interposed by the United States Justice Department under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and such ruling adversely affects the conduct and holding of any pending primary or election, the State Board of Elections shall have authority to make reasonable interim rules and regulations with respect to the pending primary or election as it deems advisable so long as they do not conflict with any provisions of this Chapter 163 of the General Statutes and such rules and regulations shall become null and void 60 days after the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly. (1981, c. 741; 1982, 2nd Ex. Sess., c. 3, s. 19.1; c. 1265, ss. 1, 2; 1985, c. 563, s. 15; 1986, Ex. Sess., c. 3, s. 1; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b); 2021-180, s. 18.7(c).)

§ 163-22. Powers and duties of State Board of Elections.

(a) The State Board of Elections shall have general supervision over the primaries and elections in the State, and it shall have authority to make such reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the conduct of primaries and elections as it may deem advisable so long as they do not conflict with any provisions of this Chapter.

(b) From time to time, the State Board shall publish and furnish to the county boards of elections and other election officials a sufficient number of indexed copies of all election laws and State Board rules and regulations then in force. It shall also publish, issue, and distribute to the electorate such materials explanatory of primary and election laws and procedures as the State Board shall deem necessary.

(c) The State Board of Elections shall appoint, in the manner provided by law, all members of the county boards of elections and advise them as to the proper methods of conducting primaries and elections. The State Board shall require such reports from the county boards and election officers as are provided by law, or as are deemed necessary by the State Board, and shall compel observance of the requirements of the election laws by county boards of elections and other election officers. In performing these duties, the State Board shall have the right to hear and act on complaints arising by petition or otherwise, on the failure or neglect of a county board of elections to comply with any part of the election laws imposing duties upon such a board. The State Board of Elections shall have power to remove from office any member of a county board of elections for incompetency, neglect or failure to perform duties, fraud, or for any other satisfactory cause. Before exercising this power, the State Board shall notify the county board member affected and give that member an opportunity to be heard. When any county board member shall be removed by the State Board of Elections, the vacancy occurring shall be filled by the State Board of Elections.

(d) The State Board of Elections shall investigate when necessary or advisable, the administration of election laws, frauds and irregularities in elections in any county and municipality and special district, and shall report violations of the election laws to the Attorney General or district attorney or prosecutor of the district for further investigation and prosecution.

(e) The State Board of Elections shall determine, in the manner provided by law, the form and content of ballots, instruction sheets, pollbooks, tally sheets, abstract and return forms, certificates of election, and other forms to be used in primaries and elections. The State Board shall furnish to the county boards of elections the registration application forms required pursuant to G.S. 163-82.3. The State Board of Elections shall direct the county boards of elections to purchase a sufficient quantity of all forms attendant to the registration and elections process. In addition, the State Board shall provide a source of supply from which the county boards of elections may purchase the quantity of pollbooks needed for the execution of its responsibilities. In the preparation of ballots, pollbooks, abstract and return forms, and all other forms, the State Board of Elections may call to its aid the Attorney General of the State, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to advise and aid in the preparation of these books, ballots and forms.

(f) The State Board of Elections shall prepare, print, distribute to the county boards of elections all ballots for use in any primary or election held in the State which the law provides shall be printed and furnished by the State to the counties. The State Board shall instruct the county boards of elections as to the printing of county and local ballots.

(g) The State Board of Elections shall certify to the appropriate county boards of elections the names of candidates for district offices who have filed notice of candidacy with the State Board and whose names are required to be printed on county ballots.

(h) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Elections to tabulate the primary and election returns, to declare the results, and to prepare abstracts of the votes cast in each county in the State for offices which, according to law, shall be tabulated by the State Board.

(i) The State Board of Elections shall make recommendations to the Governor and legislature relative to the conduct and administration of the primaries and elections in the State as it may deem advisable.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this Chapter, the State Board of Elections is empowered to have access to any ballot boxes and their contents, any voting machines and their contents, any registration records, pollbooks, voter authorization cards or voter lists, any lists of absentee voters, any lists of presidential registrants under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as amended, and any other voting equipment or similar records, books or lists in any precinct, county, municipality or electoral district over whose elections it has jurisdiction or for whose elections it has responsibility.

 (j1) Notwithstanding G.S. 153A-98 or any other provision of law, all officers, employees, and agents of a county board of elections are required to give to the State Board of Elections, upon request, all information, documents, and data within their possession, or ascertainable from their records, including any internal investigation or personnel documentation and are required to make available, upon request pursuant to an investigation under subsection (d) of this section, any county board employee for interview and to produce any equipment, hardware, or software for inspection. These requirements are mandatory and shall be timely complied with as specified in a request made by any four members of the State Board.

(k) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Article 20 or Article 21A of Chapter 163 the State Board of Elections shall be authorized, by resolution adopted prior to the printing of the primary ballots, to reduce the time by which absentee ballots are required to be printed and distributed for the primary election from 50 days to 45 days. This authority shall not be authorized for absentee ballots to be voted in the general election, except if the law requires ballots to be available for mailing 60 days before the general election, and they are not ready by that date, the State Board of Elections shall allow the counties to mail them out as soon as they are available.

(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to obtain judicial review of any decision of the State Board of Elections rendered in the performance of its duties or in the exercise of its powers under this Chapter, the person seeking review must file his petition in the Superior Court of Wake County.

(m) The State Board of Elections shall provide specific training to county boards of elections regarding rules for registering students.

(n) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate minimum requirements for the number of pollbooks, voting machines and curbside ballots to be available at each precinct, such that more of such will be available at general elections and a sufficient number will be available to allow voting without excessive delay. The State Board of Elections shall provide for a training and screening program for chief judges and judges. The State Board shall provide additional testing of voting machines to ensure that they operate properly even with complicated ballots.

(o) The State Board of Elections shall require counties with voting systems to have sufficient personnel available on election day with technical expertise to make repairs in such equipment, to investigate election day problems, and assist in curbside voting.

 (o1) The State Board of Elections shall include in all forms prepared by the Board a prominent statement that submitting fraudulently or falsely completed declarations is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

(p) The State Board of Elections may assign responsibility for enumerated administrative matters to the Executive Director by resolution, if that resolution provides a process for the State Board to review any administrative decision made by the Executive Director.

(q) Nothing in this Chapter shall grant authority to the State Board of Elections to alter, amend, correct, impose, or substitute any plan apportioning or redistricting State legislative or congressional districts other than a plan imposed by a court under G.S. 120-2.4 or a plan enacted by the General Assembly.

(r) Nothing in this Chapter shall grant authority to the State Board of Elections to alter, amend, correct, impose, or substitute any plan apportioning or redistricting districts for a unit of local government other than a plan imposed by a court, a plan enacted by the General Assembly, or a plan adopted by the appropriate unit of local government under statutory or local act authority. (1901, c. 89, ss. 7, 11; Rev., ss. 4302, 4305; 1913, c. 138; C.S., ss. 5923, 5926; 1921, c. 181, s. 1; 1923, c. 196; 1933, c. 165, ss. 1, 2; 1945, c. 982; 1953, c. 410, s. 2; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1973, c. 47, s. 2; c. 793, s. 2; 1975, c. 19, s. 65; 1977, c. 661, s. 6; 1979, c. 411, s. 1; 1981, c. 556; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 986, ss. 2, 3; 1987, c. 485, ss. 2, 5; c. 509, s. 9; c. 642, s. 3; 1989, c. 635, s. 5; 1991, c. 727, ss. 5.2, 7; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 12; 1995, c. 509, s. 114; 1999-424, s. 7(a); 2001-398, s. 4; 2009-537, s. 10; 2009-541, s. 1; 2011-31, s. 15; 2011-182, s. 3; 2016-125, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 20(b); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-13, s. 3.2(a), (b); 2018-144, s. 1.4A; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-90.3. Making false affidavit perjury.

Any person who shall knowingly make any false affidavit or shall knowingly swear or affirm falsely to any matter or thing required by the terms of this Article to be sworn or affirmed shall be guilty of a Class I felony. (1979, c. 357, s. 4; 1987, c. 565, s. 2; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-40. Violation may be ground for removal.

A violation of this Article may be a ground to remove a State Board of Elections member under G.S. 143B-16 or a county board of elections member under G.S. 163-22(c). A violation of this Article may be a ground for dismissal of an employee of the State Board of Elections or of a county board of elections. No criminal penalty shall be imposed for a violation of this Article. (2000-114, s. 1; 2007-391, s. 14(a); 2011-31, s. 18; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-35.1. Termination of county director of elections; suspension.

(a) The county board of elections may, by petition signed by a majority of the board, recommend to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections the termination of the employment of the county board's director of elections. The petition shall clearly state the reasons for termination. Upon receipt of the petition, the Executive Director shall forward a copy of the petition by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the county director of elections involved. The county director of elections may reply to the petition within 15 days of receipt thereof. Within 20 days of receipt of the county director of elections' reply or the expiration of the time period allowed for the filing of the reply, the State Executive Director shall render a decision as to the termination or retention of the county director of elections. The decision of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections shall be final unless the decision is, within 20 days from the official date on which it was made, deferred by the State Board of Elections. If the State Board defers the decision, then the State Board shall make a final decision on the termination after giving the county director of elections an opportunity to be heard and to present witnesses and information to the State Board, and then notify the Executive Director of its decision in writing. Any one or more members of the State Board designated by the remaining members of the State Board may conduct the hearing and make a final determination on the termination. For the purposes of this section, the member(s) designated by the remaining members of the State Board shall possess the same authority conferred upon the chairman pursuant to G.S. 163-23. If the decision, rendered after the hearing, results in concurrence with the decision entered by the Executive Director, the decision becomes final. If the decision rendered after the hearing is contrary to that entered by the Executive Director, then the Executive Director shall, within 15 days from the written notification, enter an amended decision consistent with the results of the decision by the State Board or its designated member(s).

(b) Upon majority vote on the recommendation of the Executive Director, the State Board of Elections may initiate proceedings for the termination of a county director of elections for just cause. If the State Board votes to initiate proceedings for termination, the State Board shall state the reasons for the termination in writing and send a copy by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the county director of elections. The director has 15 days to reply in writing to the notice. The State Board of Elections shall also notify the chair of the county board of elections and the chair of the county board of commissioners that the State Board has initiated termination proceedings. The State Board shall make a final decision on the termination after giving the county director of elections an opportunity to be heard, present witnesses, and provide information to the State Board. Any one or more members of the State Board designated by the remaining members of the State Board may conduct the hearing and make a final decision. For the purposes of this section, the member(s) designated by the remaining members of the State Board shall possess the same authority conferred upon the chairman pursuant to G.S. 163-23.

(c) A county director of elections may be suspended, with pay, without warning for causes relating to personal conduct detrimental to service to the county or to the State Board of Elections, pending the giving of written reasons, in order to avoid the undue disruption of work or to protect the safety of persons or property or for other serious reasons. Any suspension may be initiated by the Executive Director but may not be for more than five days. Upon placing a county director of elections on suspension, the Executive Director shall, as soon as possible, reduce to writing the reasons for the suspension and forward copies to the county director of elections, the members of the county board of elections, the chair of the county board of commissioners, and the State Board of Elections. If no action for termination has been taken within five days, the county director of elections shall be fully reinstated.

(d) Termination of any county director of elections shall comply with this section.

(e) In the event the Executive Director is recused due to an actual or apparent conflict of interest from rendering a decision under this section, the chair and vice-chair of the State Board

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shall designate a member of staff to fulfill those duties. (1953, c. 843; 1955, c. 800; 1963, c. 303, s. 1; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1971, c. 1166, s. 2; 1973, c. 859, s. 1; 1975, c. 211, ss. 1, 2; c. 713; 1977, c. 265, s. 21; c. 626, s. 1; c. 1129, s. 1; 1981, cc. 84, 221; 1983, c. 697; 1985, c. 763; 1991, c. 338, s. 2; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 16; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 1999-426, s. 7(a); 2001-319, ss. 1(a), 1(b), 11; 2004-203, s. 58; 2009-541, ss. 3, 4(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-13, s. 3.3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-34. Power of county board of elections to maintain order.



Each county board of elections shall possess full power to maintain order, and to enforce obedience to its lawful commands during its sessions, and shall be constituted an inferior court for that purpose. If any person shall refuse to obey the lawful commands of any county board of elections, or by disorderly conduct in its hearing or presence shall interrupt or disturb its proceedings, it may, by an order in writing, signed by its chairman, and attested by its secretary, commit the person so offending to the common jail of the county for a period not exceeding 30 days. Such order shall be executed by any sheriff to whom the same shall be delivered, or if a sheriff shall not be present, or shall refuse to act, by any other person who shall be deputed by the county board of elections in writing, and the keeper of the jail shall receive the person so committed and safely keep him for such time as shall be mentioned in the commitment: Provided, that any person committed under the provisions of this section shall have the right to post a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) bond with the clerk of the superior court and appeal to the superior court for a trial on the merits of his commitment. (1901, c. 89, s. 72; Rev., s. 4376; C.S., s. 5977; 1955, c. 871, s. 4; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 2004-203, s. 57; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-39. Limitation on political activities.

No individual subject to this Article shall:

- (1) Make written or oral statements intended for general distribution or dissemination to the public at large supporting or opposing the nomination or election of one or more clearly identified candidates for public office.
-  (2) Make written or oral statements intended for general distribution or dissemination to the public at large supporting or opposing the passage of one or more clearly identified referendum proposals.
- (3) Solicit contributions for a candidate, political committee, or referendum committee.

Individual expressions of opinion, support, or opposition not intended for general public distribution shall not be deemed a violation of this Article. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit participation in a political party convention as a delegate. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit a board member or board employee from making a contribution to a candidate, political committee, or referendum committee. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit a board member or board employee from advising other government entities as to technical matters related to election administration or revision of electoral district boundaries. (2000-114, s. 1; 2007-391, s. 14(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 143-318.16A. Additional remedies for violations of Article.

(a) Any person may institute a suit in the superior court requesting the entry of a judgment declaring that any action of a public body was taken, considered, discussed, or deliberated in violation of this Article. Upon such a finding, the court may declare any such action null and void. Any person may seek such a declaratory judgment, and the plaintiff need not allege or prove special damage different from that suffered by the public at large. The public body whose action the suit seeks to set aside shall be made a party. The court may order other persons be made parties if they have or claim any right, title, or interest that would be directly affected by a declaratory judgment voiding the action that the suit seeks to set aside.

(b) A suit seeking declaratory relief under this section must be commenced within 45 days following the initial disclosure of the action that the suit seeks to have declared null and void; provided, however, that any suit for declaratory judgment brought pursuant to this section that seeks to set aside a bond order or bond referendum shall be commenced within the limitation periods prescribed by G.S. 159-59 and G.S. 159-62. If the challenged action is recorded in the minutes of the public body, its initial disclosure shall be deemed to have occurred on the date the minutes are first available for public inspection. If the challenged action is not recorded in the minutes of the public body, the date of its initial disclosure shall be determined by the court based on a finding as to when the plaintiff knew or should have known that the challenged action had been taken.

(c) In making the determination whether to declare the challenged action null and void, the court shall consider the following and any other relevant factors:

- (1) The extent to which the violation affected the substance of the challenged action;
- (2) The extent to which the violation thwarted or impaired access to meetings or proceedings that the public had a right to attend;
- (3) The extent to which the violation prevented or impaired public knowledge or understanding of the people's business;
- (4) Whether the violation was an isolated occurrence, or was a part of a continuing pattern of violations of this Article by the public body;
- (5) The extent to which persons relied upon the validity of the challenged action, and the effect on such persons of declaring the challenged action void;
- (6) Whether the violation was committed in bad faith for the purpose of evading or subverting the public policy embodied in this Article.

(d) A declaratory judgment pursuant to this section may be entered as an alternative to, or in combination with, an injunction entered pursuant to G.S. 143-318.16.

(e) The validity of any enacted law or joint resolution or passed simple resolution of either house of the General Assembly is not affected by this Article. (1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986),

§ 143-318.9 Public policy.

Whereas the public bodies that administer the legislative, policy-making, quasi-judicial, administrative, and advisory functions of North Carolina and its political subdivisions exist solely to conduct the people's business, it is the public policy of North Carolina that the hearings, deliberations, and actions of these bodies be conducted openly. (1979, c. 655, s. 1.)

§ 143-318.10 All official meetings of public bodies open to the public.

(a) Except as provided in G.S. 143-318.11, 143-318.14A, and 143-318.18, each official meeting of a public body shall be open to the public, and any person is entitled to attend such a meeting. Remote meetings conducted in accordance with G.S. 166A-19.24 shall comply with this subsection even if all members of the public body are participating remotely.

(b) As used in this Article, "public body" means any elected or appointed authority, board, commission, committee, council, or other body of the State, or of one or more counties, cities, school administrative units, constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina, or other political subdivisions or public corporations in the State that (i) is composed of two or more members and (ii) exercises or is authorized to exercise a legislative, policy-making, quasi-judicial, administrative, or advisory function. In addition, "public body" means the governing board of a "public hospital" as defined in G.S. 159-39 and the governing board of any nonprofit corporation to which a hospital facility has been sold or conveyed pursuant to G.S. 131E-8, any subsidiary of such nonprofit corporation, and any nonprofit corporation owning the corporation to which the hospital facility has been sold or conveyed.

(c) "Public body" does not include (i) a meeting solely among the professional staff of a public body, or (ii) the medical staff of a public hospital or the medical staff of a hospital that has been sold or conveyed pursuant to G.S. 131E-8.

(d) "Official meeting" means a meeting, assembly, or gathering together at any time or place or the simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of the members of a public body for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business within the jurisdiction, real or apparent, of the public body. However, a social meeting or other informal assembly or gathering together of the members of a public body does not constitute an official meeting unless called or held to evade the spirit and purposes of this Article.

(e) Every public body shall keep full and accurate minutes of all official meetings, including any closed sessions held pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11. Such minutes may be in written form or electronic form, and the minutes of the public body, may be in the form

provided, however, that minutes or an account of a closed session conducted in compliance with G.S. 143-318.11 may be withheld from public inspection so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose of a closed session. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 4; 1991, c. 694, ss. 1, 2; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 1; 1995, c. 509, s. 135.2(p); 1997-290, s. 1; 1997-456, s. 27; 2011-326, s. 8; 2020-3, s. 4.31(b).)

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.
- (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss

- (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

- (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity.

- (10) To view a recording released pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A.

- (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. - A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential.

(Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2; 2013-360, s. 8.41(b); 2014-79, s. 9(a); 2016-88, s. 3.)

§ 143-318.12. Public notice of official meetings.

(a) If a public body has established, by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise, a schedule of regular meetings, it shall cause a current copy of that schedule, showing the time and place of regular meetings, to be kept on file as follows:

- (1) For public bodies that are part of State government, with the Secretary of State;
- (2) For the governing board and each other public body that is part of a county government, with the clerk to the board of county commissioners;
- (3) For the governing board and each other public body that is part of a city government, with the city clerk;
- (4) For each other public body, with its clerk or secretary, or, if the public body does not have a clerk or secretary, with the clerk to the board of county commissioners in the county in which the public body normally holds its meetings.

If a public body changes its schedule of regular meetings, it shall cause the revised schedule to be filed as provided in subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection at least seven calendar days before the day of the first meeting held pursuant to the revised schedule.

(b) If a public body holds an official meeting at any time or place other than a time or place shown on the schedule filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, it shall give public notice of the time and place of that meeting as provided in this subsection.

- (1) If a public body recesses a regular, special, or emergency meeting held pursuant to public notice given in compliance with this subsection, and the time and place at which the meeting is to be continued is announced in open session, no further notice shall be required.
- (2) For any other meeting, except an emergency meeting, the public body shall cause written notice of the meeting stating its purpose (i) to be posted on the principal bulletin board of the public body or, if the public body has no such bulletin board, at the door of its usual meeting room, and (ii) to be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, and television station that has filed a written request for notice with the clerk or secretary of the public body or with some other person designated by the public body. The public body shall also cause notice to be mailed, e-mailed, or

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(c) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 6.

§ 143-318.13. Electronic meetings; written ballots; acting by reference.

conference telephone or other electronic means, it shall provide a location and means whereby members of the public may listen to the meeting and the notice of the meeting required by this Article shall specify that location. A fee of up to twenty-five dollars ~~http://www.legis.state.nj.us/aca/aca2006/aca2006_0001/aca2006_0001_0001.htm~~ may in part the cost of providing the

member voting. The ballots shall be available for public inspection in the office of the clerk or secretary to the public body immediately following the meeting at which the vote took place and until the minutes of that meeting are approved, at which time the ballots may be destroyed.

(c) Acting by Reference. - The members of a public body shall not deliberate, vote, or otherwise take action upon any matter by reference to a letter, number or other designation, or other secret device or method, with the intention of making it impossible for persons attending a meeting of the public body to understand what is being deliberated, voted, or acted upon. However, this subsection does not prohibit a public body from deliberating, voting, or otherwise taking action by reference to an agenda, if copies of the agenda, sufficiently worded to enable the public to understand what is being deliberated, voted, or acted upon, are available for public inspection at the meeting.

(d) Except as provided in G.S. 166A-19.24(b)(6), this section shall not apply to remote meetings conducted in accordance with this section even if all members of the public body are participating remotely. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 2020-3, s. 4.31(c).)

§ 143-318.14. Broadcasting or recording meetings.

(a) Except as herein below provided, any radio or television station is entitled to broadcast all or any part of a meeting required to be open. Any person may photograph, film, tape-record, or otherwise reproduce any part of a meeting required to be open.

(b) A public body may regulate the placement and use of equipment necessary for broadcasting, photographing, filming, or recording a meeting, so as to prevent undue interference with the meeting. However, the public body must allow such equipment to be placed within the meeting room in such a way as to permit its intended use, and the ordinary use of such equipment shall not be declared to constitute undue interference; provided, however, that if the public body, in good faith, should determine that the size of the meeting room is such that all the members of the public body, members of the public present, and the equipment and personnel necessary for broadcasting, photographing, filming, and tape-recording the meeting cannot be accommodated in the meeting room without unduly interfering with the meeting and an adequate alternative meeting room is not readily available, then the public body, acting in good faith and consistent with the purposes of this Article, may require the pooling of such equipment and the personnel operating it; and provided further, if the news media, in order to facilitate news coverage, request an alternate site for the meeting, and the public body grants the request, then the news media making such request shall pay any costs incurred by the public body in securing an alternate meeting site. (1979, c. 655, s. 1.)

§ 143-318.14A. Legislative commissions, committees, and standing

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- G.S. 143-318.12 shall not apply to meetings of commissions, committees, and standing subcommittees of the General Assembly.

(d) A violation of this section by members of the General Assembly shall be punishable as prescribed by the rules of the House or the Senate.

(e) The following sections shall apply to meetings of commissions, committees, and standing subcommittees of the General Assembly: G.S. 143-318.10(e) and G.S. 143-318.11, G.S. 143-318.13 and G.S. 143-318.14, G.S. 143-318.16 through G.S. 143-318.17 and G.S. 143-319.24 (1991 Reg. Sess., 1992), c.
https://www.ncleg.gov/enacted-legislation/statutes/html/by-topic/chapter_143.html, s. 7; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c.

biennium thereafter.

§ 143-318.16. Injunctive relief against violations of Article.

(a) The General Court of Justice has jurisdiction to enter mandatory or prohibitory injunctions to enjoin (i) threatened violations of this Article, (ii) the recurrence of past violations of this Article, or (iii) continuing violations of this Article. Any person may bring an action in the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice seeking such an injunction; and the plaintiff need not allege or prove special damage different from that suffered by the public at large. It is not a defense to such an action that there is an adequate remedy at law.

(b) Any injunction entered pursuant to this section shall describe the acts enjoined with reference to the violations of this Article that have been proved in the action.

(c) Repealed by Session Laws 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 3, effective October 1, 1986. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 3.)



Swain County
Election Board Members
Meeting

(Change @ 1:35
by Chair)

County offices @ Admin. Building
~~1422 Hwy 19 South~~ 3rd Floor
County Commission
Chambers
Bryson City, NC 28713

November 1, 2022
@ 5:00 pm

§ 163-25. Authority of State Board to assist in litigation.

The State Board of Elections shall possess authority to assist any county board of elections in any matter in which litigation is contemplated or has been initiated, provided, the county board of elections in such county petitions, by majority resolution, for such assistance from the State Board of Elections and, provided further, that the State Board of Elections determines, in its sole discretion by majority vote, to assist in any such matter. It is further stipulated that the State Board of Elections shall not be authorized under this provision to enter into any litigation in assistance to counties, except in those instances where the uniform administration of this Chapter has been, or would be threatened.

The Attorney General shall provide the State Board of Elections with legal assistance in execution of its authority under this section or, in the Attorney General's discretion, recommend that private counsel be employed.

If the Attorney General recommends employment of private counsel, the State Board may employ counsel with the approval of the Governor. (1969, c. 408, s. 1; 1973, c. 793, s. 6; 1983, c. 324, s. 2; 2011-31, s. 16; 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

§ 163-35. Director of elections to county board of elections; appointment; compensation; duties; dismissal.

(a) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of county director of elections in any of the county boards of elections in this State, the county board of elections shall submit the name of the person it recommends to fill the vacancy, in accordance with provisions specified in this section, to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections who shall issue a letter of appointment. A person shall not serve as a director of elections if he:

- (1) Holds any elective public office;
- (2) Is a candidate for any office in a primary or election;
- (3) Holds any office in a political party or committee thereof;
- (4) Is a campaign chairman or finance chairman for any candidate for public office or serves on any campaign committee for any candidate;
- (5) Has been convicted of a felony in any court unless his rights of citizenship have been restored pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13 of the General Statutes of North Carolina;
- (6) Has been removed at any time by the State Board of Elections following a public hearing; or
- (7) Is a member or a spouse, child, spouse of child, parent, sister, or brother of a member of the county board of elections by whom he would be employed.

(b) Appointment, Duties; Termination. – Upon receipt of a nomination from the county board of elections stating that the nominee for director of elections is submitted for appointment upon majority selection by the county board of elections the Executive Director shall issue a letter of appointment of such nominee to the chairman of the county board of elections within 10 days after receipt of the nomination, unless good cause exists to decline the appointment. The Executive Director may delay the issuance of appointment for a reasonable time if necessary to obtain a criminal history records check sought under G.S. 143B-968. The Executive Director shall apply the standards provided in G.S. 163-27.2 in determining whether a nominee with a criminal history shall be selected. If the Executive Director determines a nominee shall not be selected and does not issue a letter of appointment, the decision of the Executive Director of the State Board shall be final unless the decision is, within 10 days from the official date on which it was made, deferred by the State Board. If the State Board defers the decision, then the State Board shall make a final decision on appointment of the director of elections and may direct the Executive Director to issue a letter of appointment. If an Executive Director issues a letter of appointment, the county board of elections shall enter in its official minutes the specified duties, responsibilities and designated authority assigned to the director by the county board of elections. The specified duties and responsibilities shall include adherence to the duties delegated to the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-33. A copy of the specified duties, responsibilities and designated authority assigned to the director shall be filed with the State Board of Elections. In the event the Executive Director is recused due to an actual or apparent conflict of interest from rendering a decision under this section, the chair and vice-chair of the State Board shall designate a member of staff to fulfill those duties.

(c) Compensation of Directors of Elections. – Compensation paid to directors of elections in all counties maintaining full-time registration (five days per week) shall be in the form of a salary in an amount recommended by the county board of elections and approved by the Board of County Commissioners and shall be commensurate with the salary paid to directors in counties similarly situated and similar in population and number of registered voters.

The Board of County Commissioners in each county, whether or not the county maintains full-time or modified full-time registration, shall compensate the director of elections at a minimum rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for hours worked in attendance to his or her duties as prescribed by law, including rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of

Elections. In addition, the county shall pay to the director an hourly wage of at least twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour for all hours worked in excess of those prescribed in rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Elections, when such additional hours have been approved by the county board of elections and such approval has been recorded in the official minutes of the county board of elections.

In addition to the compensation provided for herein, the director of elections to the county board of elections shall be granted the same vacation leave, sick leave, and petty leave as granted to all other county employees. It shall also be the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate sufficient funds to compensate a replacement for the director of elections when authorized leave is taken.

(d) Duties. – The director of elections may be empowered by the county board of elections to perform such administrative duties as might be assigned by the board and the chairman. In addition, the director of elections may be authorized by the chairman to execute the responsibilities devolving upon the chairman provided such authorization by any chairman shall in no way transfer the responsibility for compliance with the law. The chairman shall remain liable for proper execution of all matters specifically assigned to him by law.

The county board of elections shall have authority, by resolution adopted by majority vote, to delegate to its director of elections so much of the administrative detail of the election functions, duties, and work of the board, its officers and members, as is now, or may hereafter be vested in the board or its members as the county board of elections may see fit: Provided, that the board shall not delegate to a director of elections any of its quasi-judicial or policy-making duties and authority. Such a resolution shall require adherence to the duties delegated to the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-33. Within the limitations imposed upon the director of elections by the resolution of the county board of elections the acts of a properly appointed director of elections shall be deemed to be the acts of the county board of elections, its officers and members.

(e) Training and Certification. – The State Board of Elections shall conduct a training program consisting of four weeks for each new county director of elections. The director shall complete that program. Each director appointed after May 1995 shall successfully complete a certification program as provided in G.S. 163-82.24(b) within three years after appointment or by January 1, 2003, whichever occurs later. (1953, c. 843; 1955, c. 800; 1963, c. 303, s. 1; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1971, c. 1166, s. 2; 1973, c. 859, s. 1; 1975, c. 211, ss. 1, 2; c. 713; 1977, c. 265, s. 21; c. 626, s. 1; c. 1129, s. 1; 1981, cc. 84, 221; 1983, c. 697; 1985, c. 763; 1991, c. 338, s. 2; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 16; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 1999-426, s. 7(a); 2001-319, ss. 1(a), 1(b), 11; 2004-203, s. 58; 2009-541, ss. 3, 4(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-13, s. 1(e); 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

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effort to accommodate your disability (perhaps at substantial expense). It is unlawful to dismiss you because of your disability or because the employer doesn't want to make the accommodation. The ADA is administered through the EEOC.

Genetic information. The most recent federal statute is the Genetic Information Discrimination Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff et. seq. It prohibits discrimination against you because of genetic information about you or information about your family medical history. See the Coates' Canons blog [here](#).

Military service. With some limitations, your employer cannot fire you because you enter military service. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, 39 U.S.C. §§ 4301 et seq., so provides, and also requires that, within limitations, the employer must hold a job for you when you get back from service.

Federal constitutional protections

 Protections that stem directly from the United States Constitution apply only to employees of the government—state or local—and not to employees in the private sector. How come? Because the Constitution acts to constrain how government acts. That is, it describes the relationship between citizen and government. It does not directly control how private entities act. When the government becomes an employer and hires you to work for it, you don't stop being a citizen. Two relationships exist at once—employer/employee and government/citizen. When the government acts against you in the way that any employer might act—say, by firing you—the protections that you enjoy as a citizen may affect the legality of the employer's action. Employees in the private sector do not have these protections.

Free speech. When you go to work for the government, one protection that follows you as a citizen is the right to free speech embedded in the First Amendment. That right is not absolute, but if you believe you were fired because of what you said on a matter of public concern, you can pursue the matter with

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Swain Judges

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Whittier/Cherokee

Chief Judge:
Wilbur Paul



Mary "Missy" Crowe



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Asst. Judge:
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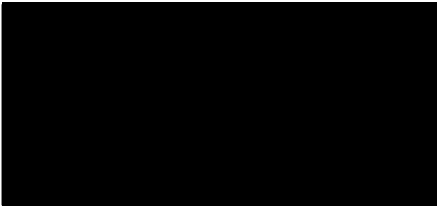
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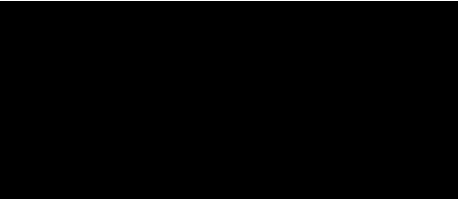
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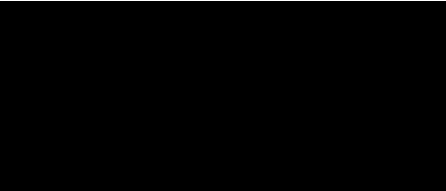
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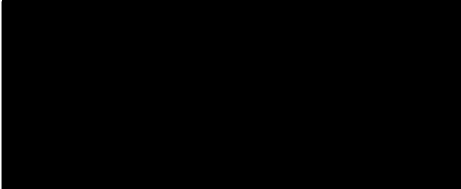
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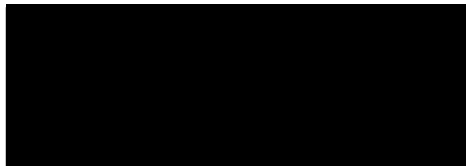
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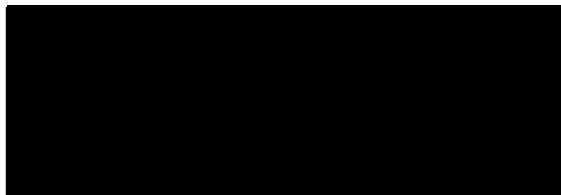
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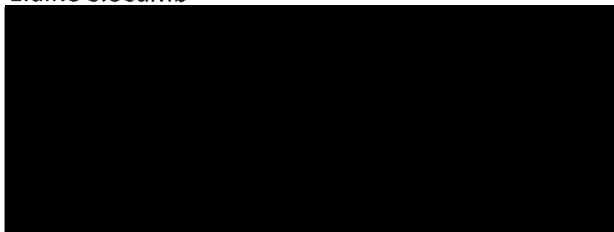
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Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:52 AM
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Cc: Justin Greene; Leila Tvedt; Mary Herr
Subject: Re: Judges poll workers

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Spoke with Mary about Wilbur at wh/ch he said picking equipment wouldn't be an issue he's tall and strong he will be just fine as chief judge

I also started asking around for names. Got this list so far. Will add to it if I hear more from anyone. Thanks Judy please let me know if you need anything else.

Possible extra Poll workers 5/2022

Names for poll workers

Whittier/Cherokee

1

"Drew" full name
Andrew Edward Johnson.

Alarka

Dan James Dockweiler

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BC 1

From Helen styles Maybe
Debbie and Mike crisp. ?
Amber brooks ?
Genevieve Lyndsey ?

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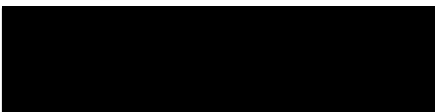
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BC 2

Called Ginger Gaither left message

Almond

Colin Platt



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(He's down for assistant judge but if you don't use him for assistant judge he could work the polls).

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To: Judy Allman; Justin Greene
Subject: Swain Judges updated 3/11

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Hi,

Hope this finds you both well. So far I have gotten at least two people for each precinct.

I will keep you posted as I get additional names. I have confirmed with everyone that they can be there May 17th and November 1st.

Collin Platt could also work during early voting if you need him. Thanks for your patience on this. Let me know what else you need.

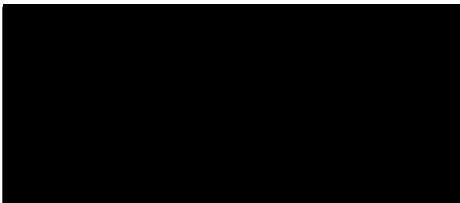
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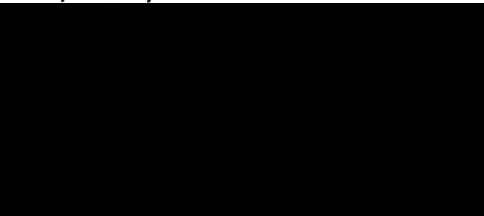
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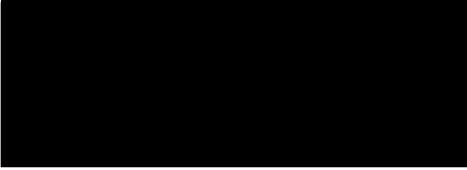
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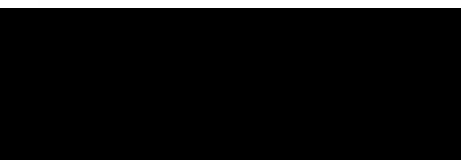
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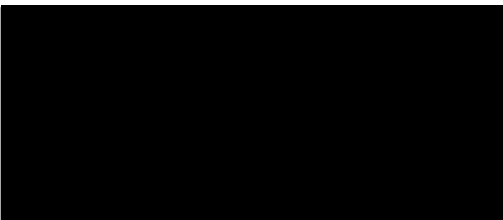


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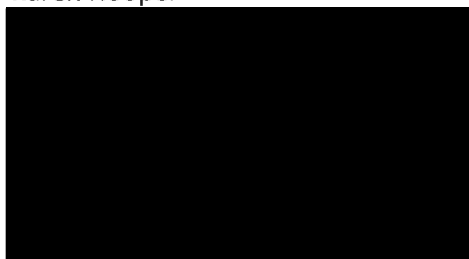
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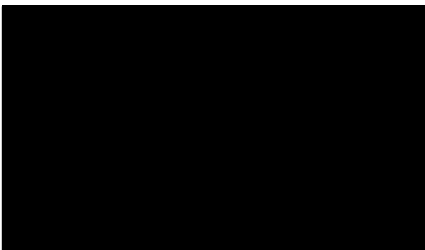
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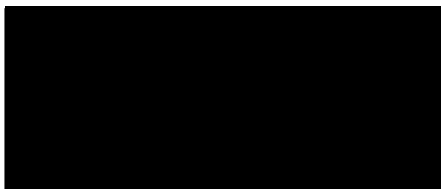


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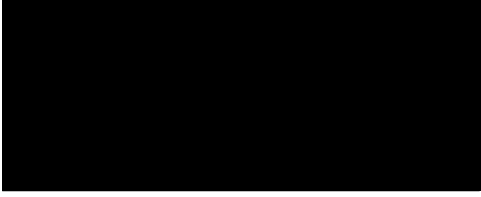


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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 7:40 PM
To: Judy Allman; Justin Greene
Subject: Swain Judges Democrat updated 3/8

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Judy,

this is another updated list of judges and assistants for swain
dems. I am still trying to fill some (BC1 and Alarka especially). I
do have people calling me back. As soon as I have the rest I will
let you know. Do you need any other lists (poll workers etc)? Is
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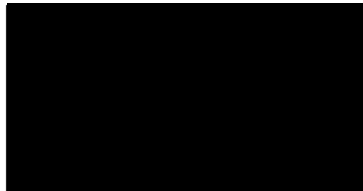
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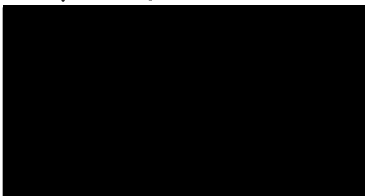
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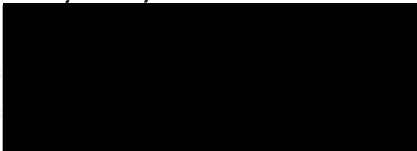
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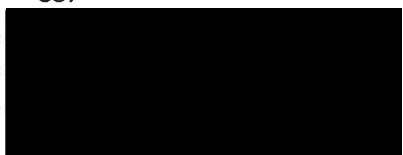


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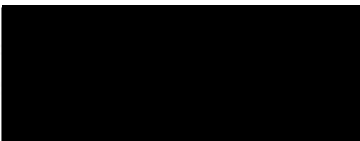
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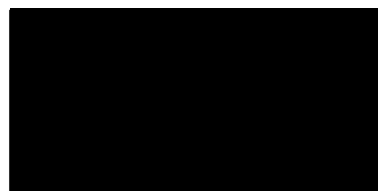


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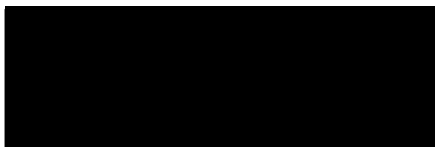


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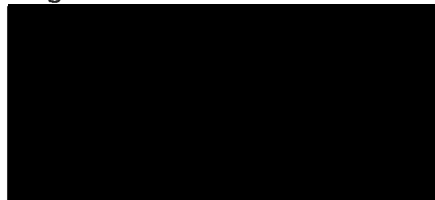
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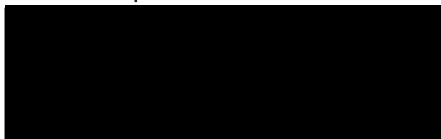
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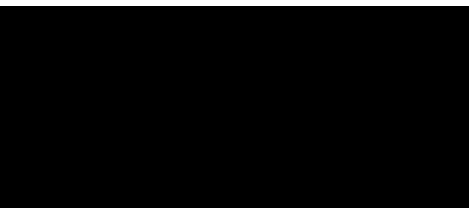
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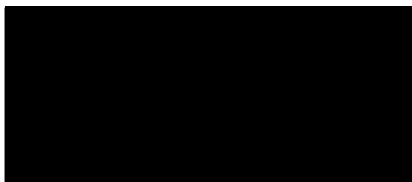


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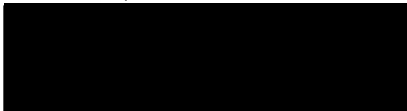


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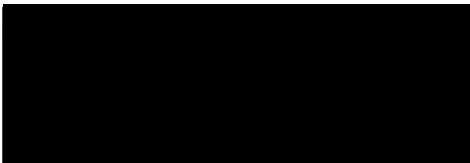
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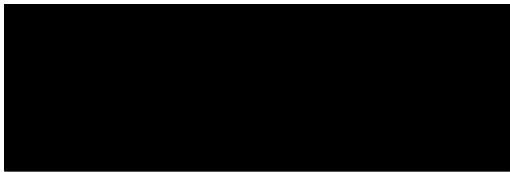
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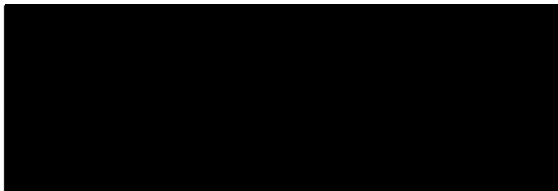


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