

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2022

The special meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections was called to order by Chair Champion at 12 PM on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Present

Board Members:

Staff Members:

Chair: Sara Champion
Secretary: Lee McMinn
Sandra Watson
Wendy Warwick

Director: Jeff Storey
Deputy Director: Laura Owen

Visitors: Judith West, Savannah Gibson

Resolution Regarding County Approved Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Chair Champion shared with new board members the relationship between the county and boards of elections as it pertains to administering human resources and payroll. While county administration performs duties on behalf of the board of elections, the board has full authority over its budget approved by county commissioners. Chair Champion was pleased with the county commissioners' approval of a 7% COLA for county employees. There was discussion among the board regarding step vs merit pay structures. Chair Champion asked if there was any further discussion regarding the resolution. **Secretary McMinn made a motion to approve the resolution allowing election staff to receive COLA in line with the allocations received by other county employees. The motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Director Storey presented the board with the topics to be discussed at the county commissioners' meeting and asked for board members' input. The director will discuss registration trends, polling site movement, precinct official recruitment, election litigation and updates, voter turnout, voting methods, combating misinformation, voter education, and goals for staff recertifications. The board provided some good feedback, and the director will amend the presentation accordingly.

In other business, the director provided the board with instructions on accessing the county employee self-service portal.

The director provided the board with the redistricting map changes approved by the North Carolina legislature that are being reviewed by the court challenge. Director Storey stated Transylvania County is now in District 119 for NC House and District 50 for NC Senate. The NC Superior Court will rule on the maps on February 23, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

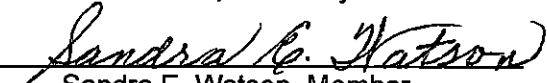
Chair Champion asked if there were any board or public. There were none.

On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10:00 AM on March 10, 2022, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712 and via Zoom.

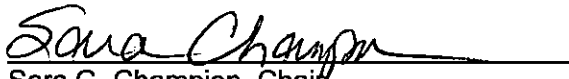
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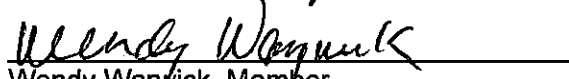
Lee McMinn, Secretary



Sandra E. Watson, Member



Sara G. Champion, Chair



Wendy Warwick, Member

vacant

Approved by Board on: 3/10/2022