

## **AGENDA**

Catawba County Board of Elections Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 8:15 a.m.  
Catawba County Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
25 Government Drive, Newton, NC

1. Call to Order.
2. Oaths of Office:  
*Oaths to be administered by North Carolina Superior Court Judge the Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey*
  - a. Board Members
    - Barry R. Cheney**
    - David W. Hood**
    - R. Jason White**
    - J. David Abernethy**
    - Geniey Yang**
3. Organization Meeting of the Elections Board
  - a. Election of Secretary
4. Approval of the Minutes from the Board's Canvass Meeting on November 16, 2018.
5. Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement
6. Notice Regarding Social Media
7. Approval of Director Duties 2019-2021
8. Approval to Purchase Balotar System (Ballot on Demand)
9. Other Items of Business.

Catawba County Board of Elections  
Minutes of organizational meeting held March 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. All members were present. All members took the oath of office prior to participation in the meeting.

Pursuant to the current statute, all county boards of elections now consist of five members: the chairman, appointed directly by the Governor; and four other members, two each of whom are selected from nominees from the county political party chairs. This board now consists of the Chairman, Barry R. Cheney, two Democratic members, R. Jason White and Geniey Yang, and two Republican members, J. David Abernethy and David W. Hood.

As the Chairman is now directly appointed, the only remaining election is that of board secretary. It is the longstanding custom of this board that the secretary is from a different party than the party of the chairman. Mr. Abernethy was elected secretary.

The minutes from the canvass held November 16, 2018 were approved.

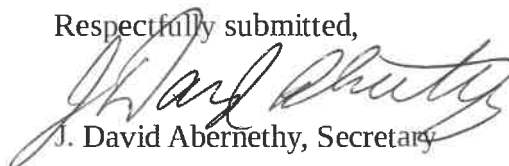
The board members each signed a confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement provided by the State Board of Elections. This agreement provides that non-public information about individual voters will be used only for official business and not be disclosed to others.

The listing of duties of the Director, Amanda Duncan, was approved. The question was raised and discussed as to whether board members should be present at statutory post-election audits. It was decided to leave this duty as it is currently, leaving board members' attendance discretionary. The Director informed the board that no audit discrepancies had been found within the preceding twelve years.

The Director presented a \$36,652.00 quote from ES&S for the purchase of the Balotar ballot-on-demand system that the county has been leasing. Mr. White moved that the Director be given the authority to make the purchase, provided that she negotiate with the vendor for a lower price; and that she should consult with Mr. Cheney concerning the negotiation if needed. This motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



J. David Abernethy, Secretary