

# Wake County Executive Committee Virtual Meeting

*December 05, 2023 – 7:00 PM - Kevyn Creech, Chair*

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## 1. Meeting Opening & Quorum

A special-called meeting of the Wake County Executive Committee convened on December 05, 2023, via Zoom to elect a nominee and an alternate to fill the BoC District 5 vacancy. Chair Kevyn Creech called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

In her opening remarks, the Chair extended a warm welcome and expressed gratitude to all attendees. The Chair then recognized Apex Vice Chair Kim Brugh, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence has been observed in memory of Dr. James West, Precinct 17-03 and Hon. Betty Lou Ward, Precinct 01-51.

After which, the Chair recognized Third Vice Chair, Kate Bixler, who informed the body on Zoom etiquette and how to obtain recognition from the Chair.

The Chair then called on First Vice Chair, Nick Long, who explained the body on voting procedures for tonight's meeting.

The Chair then called on Wake Regional Vice Chair, Ambrosia Sharkey, who recognized all the elected officials in attendance.

The Chair recognized Executive Director Wesley Knott, who then conducted a poll for the purpose of establishing quorum using a google form. After which, the Chair recognized Second Vice Chair Jon McLamb, who after conferring with the Executive Director on the results of the google form poll, made the declaration of a quorum stating we had 140 delegates in attendance.

## 2. Meeting Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was displayed on the screen and was read by the

Chair. The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made and seconded, hearing no objections the agenda was approved.

### **3. Special Rules**

The Proposed Special Rules were then displayed on the screen. The Chair recognized Parliamentarian Rich Elkins and 1<sup>st</sup> VC Nick Long, who alternately read each rule one at a time. A motion was made and seconded, hearing no objections the special rules were approved.

### **4. Credentialing**

The Chair then called on 2nd VC Jon McLamb, who confirmed the use of the 15-minute rule to close out and establish the final credentialing.

### **5. Previous Meeting's Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting for September 14, 2023, were presented by Akkina Murthy, Secretary. A motion was made and seconded, hearing no objections the Minutes were approved.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Laura Kalbaugh, revealed that by the end of November 30, we had \$124,897 cash on hand.

### **7. Presentation on the Hon. Betty Lou Ward and Hon. James West**

The Wake County Commissioner from BoC District 2, Matt Calabria presented the Reflections on the life of Mrs. Betty Lou Ward.

The Wake County Commissioner from BoC District 1, Don Mial presented the Reflections on the life of Dr. James West.

### **8. Wake Co. Commissioner District 5 Nominee Election**

The Chair initiated the discussion on the election of a nominee and an alternate nominee to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners to complete the unexpired term of Dr. James West, which expires on December 2, 2024. The Chair

called on Raleigh VC, Kelvin Stallings to review the job description of the County Commissioner. The Chair then called for nominations from the floor, receiving none she presented the list of following pre-declared candidates:

- Tammy Martin, Precinct 17-03
- DaQuanta Copeland, Precinct 01-26
- Frank White Sr., Precinct 16-10
- Tara Waters, Precinct 17-03
- Jessica Day, Precinct 17-13

Each candidate was allowed 3 minutes for their remarks. Fourth VC, Christy Byrd presented a voting review and went over the details of instant runoff/ranked choice voting.

At the conclusion of voting, Tara Waters who received 57.3% has been nominated as the candidate and Jessica Day who received 42.7% as the alternate.

With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Akkina Murthy, Secretary