



## Special Meeting Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. - Thursday, July 22, 2021

### Minutes

#### Executive Committee in Attendance

Mayor Jay Bender, President, Jones County Caucus (Pollocksville)  
Commissioner Ed Riggs, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Pamlico County Caucus  
Commissioner Arthur Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Green County Caucus (Hookerton)  
Commissioner Shane Turney, Treasurer, Craven County Caucus (Trent Woods)  
Commissioner Bob Cavanaugh, Carteret County  
Commissioner Jim Kohr, City of Havelock  
Commissioner Jesse Dowe, Duplin County  
Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Wayne County  
Councilman Bill Taylor, Carteret County Caucus (Morehead City)  
Alderman Sabrina Bengal, City of New Bern  
Commissioner Pat Prescott, Pamlico County  
Commissioner Frank Emory, Jones County  
Commissioner Roland Best, Lenoir County  
Commissioner Bennie Heath, Greene County

#### ECC Staff in Attendance

Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director

#### Guests in Attendance

Bob Hagemann, Attorney, Poyner & Spruill  
Robbie Bittner, PBMares  
Megan Druckrey, PBMares  
Jeff Aydelette, *County Compass*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by President Jay Bender. A quorum was present. Commissioner Robinson offered the invocation. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Best, carried unanimously.

Commissioner Riggs made the following motion: that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6) to: (1) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege; (2) to consider the competence, performance, character and fitness of an individual employee; and (3) to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. Commissioner Emory seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Upon returning to open session at 9:50PM, Commissioner Kohr made a motion to immediately dismiss the Executive Director; seconded by Commissioner Bengal, carried unanimously. Commissioner Prescott made a



motion designating ECC President Jay Bender as Interim Executive Director, effective immediately; seconded by Commissioner Robinson, carried unanimously.

President Bender informed the Executive Committee of the resignation of Grady/Quattlebaum, PLLC as the ECC's Counsel of Record. Commissioner Emory made a motion to retain E. Knox Proctor V – Ward and Smith PA as the ECC's Counsel of Record; seconded by Commissioner Heath and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00PM; seconded by Commissioner Emory and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bender, Jr.', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

James V Bender, Jr., President  
Recorder for the Meeting