

**Minutes of the  
Albemarle Commission Board of Delegates  
February 17, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

**Opening**

Chairperson Lloyd Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation**

Commissioner Fondella Leigh led the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

At-Large Delegate William Hoggard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Determination of Quorum**

The presence of a quorum was determined by Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator, Ashley Stallings, with twelve (12) Members present.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
Clayton Riggs	Camden
Robert Kirby	Chowan
Rob Ross	Dare
Linda Hofler	Gates
Elizabeth Hedrick	Gates
Earl Pugh	Hyde
Janet Russ	Hyde
Lloyd Griffin	Pasquotank
William Hoggard III	Pasquotank
Fondella Leigh	Perquimans
Connie Brothers	Perquimans
Tracey A. Johnson	Washington
 <b><u>Absent Members</u></b>	
Owen Etheridge	Currituck
Jordan Davis	Tyrrell

**Partners, staff, and guests present:**

Attorney M.H. Hood Ellis of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland

**Staff members:**

Michael Ervin, Executive Director  
David Whitmer, NWDB Director  
Laura Alvarico, AAA Director  
Angela Welsh, RPO Director  
Jeri Hansen, Finance Officer  
Ashley Stallings, Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator  
Sharon Smith, Special Projects Administrator

**Guests and Partners**

**Agenda (VOTE):**

Commissioner Clayton Riggs motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Linda Hofler. The motion carried unanimously.

## **January 2022 Minutes (VOTE)**

Commissioner Tracey Johnson motioned to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by At-Large Delegate Elizabeth Hedrick. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

None.

## **Finance**

### **A. Monthly Finance Report Ending January 31, 2022**

Finance Officer Hansen discussed the monthly finance report. AAA Director Laura Alvarico discussed the ARPA funding plan.

### **Staff Reports:**

NWDB Director David Whitmer provided an update on the consolidation of the Workforce Development Boards.

ARPO Director Angela Welsh provided an update from the RPO meetings held earlier in the day.

Special Projects Administrator Sharon Smith discussed a broadband project.

### **Board Member Comments:**

Commissioner Riggs spoke of the growth happening in Camden County and mentioned Camden County is still in search of a new county manager.

Commissioner Robert Kirby discussed the issues Chowan County is running into with moving forward with the wind turbines under the current State of Emergency.

Commissioner Leigh mentioned Perquimans County had a scheduled meeting with CenturyLink.

At-Large Delegate Connie Brothers spoke of a movie night on Feb. 25 at Perquimans County High School.

At-Large Delegate Hedrick reported Gates County schools lifted the mask mandate and mentioned how busy the Community Center has been.

Commissioner Rob Ross discussed meeting with housing development, stated the election is back on, and Dare County schools are making masks optional.

At-Large Delegate Janet Russ mentioned the closing of a successful hunting season, farmers are gearing up for new season. Delegate Russ also mentioned a recent plane crash from a hunting trip carrying 8 passengers, most of which were youth. She asked for prayers for each of those families.

Commissioner Earl Pugh discussed building a new school to replace the school that was damaged due to flooding, and he spoke of monies received for dredging in Hatteras.

At-Large Delegate Hoggard discussed small businesses opening in downtown Elizabeth City, the reopening of the Pines golf course, and the work NCDOT is doing with stop lights in the City.

Commissioner Johnson reported a number of projects in the beginning stages in Washington County. She also spoke about a grant for electric car charging stations.

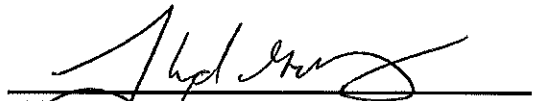
Commissioner Hofler spoke of Representative Hunter's attendance at the Gates County Commissioner Meeting, and the funds he helped Gates obtain to do repairs on the Community

Center. She mentioned Executive Director Ervin and Special Projects Admin. Specialist Smith attended the Commissioner Meeting, and agreed to help the county with providing contractors/workers to do work to homes in the community that need assistance. She also discussed the vote made by the Gates County Board of Commissioners to purchase land at the Commerce Center, with hopes of encouraging Economic Development in the County.

Chairperson Griffin mentioned an issue at Pasquotank County High School. He also discussed items from the RPO meeting held earlier in the day.

**Adjournment**

At 6:49 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.



Chairperson of the Board, Lloyd Griffin

Attested by:



Clerk to the Board, Ashley Stallings

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Date