

**Minutes of the
Albemarle Commission Board of Delegates
January 20, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

Opening

Attorney John Leidy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation

At-Large Delegate Connie Brothers led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attorney Leidy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum

The presence of a quorum was determined by Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator, Ashley Stallings, with eleven (11) Members present.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Clayton Riggs	Camden
Robert Kirby	Chowan
Rob Ross	Dare
Linda Hofler	Gates
Elizabeth Hedrick	Gates
Lloyd Griffin	Pasquotank
William Hoggard III	Pasquotank
Wallace Nelson – Alternante	Perquimans
Connie Brothers	Perquimans
Jordan Davis	Tyrrell
Tracey A. Johnson	Washington

Absent Members

Owen Etheridge	Currituck
Earl Pugh	Hyde
Janet Russ	Hyde
Fondella Leigh	Perquimans

Partners, staff, and guests present:

Attorney John Leidy 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):

Attorney Leidy recommended to amend the agenda by moving Item 10A – New Business, Selection of the 2022 Officers to Item 6.

Commissioner Linda Hoffer motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by At-Large Delegate William Hoggard. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Selection of 2022 Officers (VOTE)

Commissioner Jordan Davis presented the nominations for the 2022 Officers recommended by the nomination committee. The nominating committee recommended Commissioner Lloyd Griffin for Chair, Commissioner Davis for Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Fondella Leigh for Secretary.

Attorney Leidy opened the floor up to any Chair nominations. With no nominations provided, Attorney Leidy closed the nominations.

With a roll call vote, all being in favor, Attorney Leidy declared Commissioner Griffin as Chair.

Attorney Leidy opened the floor up to any Vice Chair nominations. With no nominations provided, Attorney Leidy closed the nominations.

With a roll call vote, all being in favor, Attorney Leidy declared Commissioner Davis as Vice Chair.

Attorney Leidy opened the floor up to any Secretary nominations. With no nominations provided, Attorney Leidy closed the nominations.

With a roll call vote, all being in favor, Attorney Leidy declared Commissioner Leigh as Secretary.

Attorney Leidy then turned the meeting over to the Chair, Commissioner Griffin.

November 2021 Minutes (VOTE)

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

Public Comment:

None.

Finance

A. Budget Amendment #6B (VOTE)

Finance Officer Jeri Hansen presented Budget Amendment #6B to the Board.

Commissioner Rob Ross motioned to approve the Budget Amendment as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robert Kirby. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A. Monthly Finance Report Ending December 31, 2021

Finance Officer Hansen discussed the monthly finance report.

Staff Reports:

NWDB Director David Whitmer discussed his concerns of the potential merger of NWDB Boards and WIOA going away. Commissioner Wallace Nelson proposed each county to send a resolution or letter with the county's opposition on this potential merger. Chair Griffin suggested for NWDB Director Whitmer and Executive Director Michael Ervin to hold a Zoom meeting with all the county managers and

chairs to discuss the possible merger and advise them of the letter or resolution to present to their county boards.

ARPO Director Angela Welsh discussed NCDOT meetings she attended.

Special Projects Administrator Sharon Smith discussed a broadband meeting that was held throughout the region.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Michael Ervin discussed broadband funding and other monies that the COG could be receiving for our region.

Board Member Comments:

At-Large Delegate Hoggard reported positive things happening in Pasquotank County.

At-Large Delegate Elizabeth Hedrick reported COVID numbers on the rise in Gates County.

Commissioner Davis discussed COVID cases in Tyrrell County.

Commissioner Tracey Johnson discussed COVID in Washington County.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs discussed COVID in Camden County and 187 meetings he has attended.

Commissioner Kirby mentioned the impacts on Chowan County as a result of NC still being under a State of Emergency.

Commissioner Ross discussed COVID in Dare County.

At-Large Delegate Brothers mentioned an active shooter exercise on Feb 4, 2022 in the Town of Hertford.

Commissioner Hofler thanked Perquimans County 911 for their help getting Gates County 911 back on line when Gates 911 went down. Commissioner Hofler also discussed COVID in Gates County.

Commissioner Nelson discussed impacts of COVID in the hospital.

Commissioner Griffin thanked the nominating committee and the board for their nominations. Commissioner Griffin discussed the NCDOT summit for 187.

Adjournment

Commissioner Riggs motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by At-Large Delegate Brothers. At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.



Chairperson of the Board, Lloyd Griffin

Attested by:



Clerk to the Board, Ashley Stallings



Date