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Meeting Minutes · Emergency Meeting · July 30, 2025 · 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Secretary Edward Lewis, Member Randy Pelton, and Member David Smudski

Board Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere

Meeting Opening

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order.

Consider Reopening the Candidate Filing Period for the Town of Belville Mayor Contest

Ms. LaVere summarized:

- The Board of Elections was notified on July 30, 2025, of the death of Mike Allen, one of two individuals who filed for the Town of Belville Mayor contest (the other being Nia Moore).
- Under [N.C.G.S. § 163-294.4\(b\)](#), if only two individuals file for a single-seat contest and one dies before ballots are printed, the Board must reopen the filing period for five additional days.
- Staff recommends reopening the filing period from Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. through Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Smudski made a motion to reopen the filing period for Belville mayor beginning Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. through Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. LaVere noted that there will be a press release published notifying of the new filing period to the subscriber list, including local media outlets.

Mr. Pelton made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.