

**MINUTES CLOSED SESSION NUMBER 2, LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AT 4:11 P.M.
ON 21 FEBRUARY 2013 AT ELECTION HEADQUARTERS, 110-C SOUTH HERRITAGE STREET,
KINSTON, NC** (File: CSBOE21Feb2013-2)

LEGAL COUNSEL HAS ADVISED THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT “THE LAW IS THAT MINUTES FROM CLOSED SESSIONS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE ISSUE WHICH BRINGS THE MEETING INTO CLOSED SESSION IS RESOLVED. AS THIS PERSONNEL ISSUE IS RESOLVED, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO FILE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES IN THE MINUTE BOOK NOW.”

Present: Chairman Sharon L. Kanter, Secretary Oscar E. Herring, Board Member Kimberly B. Allison, and Elections Director Dana W. King

Mrs. Allison requested that the Chair call another closed session to seek clarification on actions taken during the previous open and closed sessions on this date. Mrs. Allison asked Mrs. Kanter and Mr. Herring if they took note of the fact that Mrs. King had laid a copy of her Reply to the Petition on the conference table with the comment **“Here is a copy of my Reply.”** Discussion centered on the Board’s Response to the Reply to the Petition which was previously read and discussed in the closed session at 1:47 p.m. At that closed session the Board stated that they did not want the Response to become a public record but it was the consensus of the board members that Mrs. King had forced their hand and the Board must protect the Board’s integrity and the Board Member’s integrity. Since the members of the Board of Elections had taken formal action and had adopted the Response to the Reply to the Petition to Terminate Mrs. Dana W. King, it was now a public document.

Mrs. King asked **“when are you going to stop sending documents to Raleigh?”** Chairman Kanter responded **“It will stop when you decide to stop, Dana. Your Reply contained lies about this Board, and we all feel those lies had to be addressed.”** Mrs. Allison responded **“Dana, we have not made any personal attacks against you.”** Mrs. King responded, **“I am not going to listen to any more comments and I am going to stick my fingers in my ears.”** She then *plugged both ears with her fingers, repeated numerous times, “I can’t hear you,” while shaking her head,* so she would not hear the remaining comments by Mrs. Allison.

The closed session ended at 4:13 p.m. and the board reconvened in open session with Mrs. King and Mr. Wes Wolfe of the Kinston Free Press in attendance.

These minutes were electronically approved by the board members on 31 March 2013.

APPROVED:

Sharon L. Kanter
Chairman

Oscar E. Herring
Secretary

Kimberly B. Allison
Board Member