

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2018 AT 3 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in special session on March 27, 2018, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman  
Mike Fryar, Vice Chair  
Joe Belcher, Commissioner (present by phone for a portion of the closed session)  
Ellen Frost, Commissioner  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Mandy Stone, County Manager; Lisa Eby, HR Director; Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board; Mike Frue, Senior Staff Attorney.

The Chairman announced that the Board had called this special meeting to go into closed session for a personnel issue and a legal matter pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11a (3)(6). He said there would be no action taken after the session.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to go into closed session for the reasons stated by the Chairman. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met with legal counsel for an update and discussion of a pending legal matter involving the former County Manager and the ongoing investigation. No action was taken. *(Commissioner Belcher was present by phone for a portion of this discussion)*

The Board considered applications for the position of Clerk to the Board and directed Human Resources Office to set up interviews a number of applicants on April 9 and 10 with a second round of interviews on April 17. *(Commissioner Belcher was present by phone for this discussion)*

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to return to open session. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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KATHY HUGHES, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS