

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 19, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 2:30 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  
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner  
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner  
Robert Pressley, Commissioner  
Parker Sloan, Commissioner  
Terri Wells, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

During the meeting, the Board and staff will review and discuss agenda items and receive staff updates with discussions as noted:

**Review the Board’s Agenda.**

**Staff Updates:**

**COVID-19/Vaccine Update.** Stacie Saunders, Public Health Director, provided information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic data and trends, vaccination update, and metric data (2 categories coded red). The infection rate of COVID and hospitalizations continue to remain high. A vaccination operations roadmap was provided to show the rate at which the community has been vaccinated.

**Personnel Policy Updates.** Sharon Burke, HR Director, Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director, and Rusty Mau, Budget, updated the Board on the changes to Personnel Ordinance, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) calculation, and 911/EMS Staffing status.

**Fiscal Recovery Fund – Organization Presentations.** The Commissioners heard the County departments virtual presentations for the Buncombe County Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS