

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
BRIEFING OF DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 7, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3:00 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; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:07 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 (1 category coded red). Variant surges are expected during the holiday periods. Information about vaccination boosters and vaccinations for 5-11 year olds was detailed.

**Public Input Software Demo.** Lillian Govus, CAPE Director, demonstrated the public engagement portal. The portal will have a digital format and the ability to gather quantitative data. A soft launch is expected to begin in the near future.

**Comp Plan Public Outreach Plan.** Nathan Pennington, Planning Director, Gillian Phillips, Shannon Capezzalli, Haylee Madfis, Planning, outlined the public engagement process of the Comprehensive Plan. Survey data will be gathered and analyzed to help shape some decisions.

**Compensation Plan Update.** Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director, and Rusty Mau, Budget, provided information of the multi-year project overview, timeline, and findings of the compensation plan. The deadline to complete the project tasks is December 31, 2021.

**Commissioner Meeting Schedule for 2022.** Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board, detailed the tentative schedule and asked the Board for consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS