

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’  
BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 7, 2023, 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  
Martin Moore, Commissioner  
Parker Sloan, Commissioner  
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Terri Wells, Vice Chair, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Corinne Duncan, Election Services Director; Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:08 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:**

**Educated and Capable Strategic Update.** Rachael Nygaard, Strategic Partnerships Director, and Corinne Duncan, Election Services Director, provided an updated on the Educated & Capable Community departmental goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan. Education data was shared and reviewed, while the public school superintendents gave remakes on trends of the respective school districts. The Commissioners expressed their concerns and looked forward to future conversations to create better achievement results.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS