

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 19, 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 Vice Chair called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Martin Moore, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Brownie Newman, Chairman, was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:10 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:

Municipal Tax Collection Agreement Addendum Update. Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector, explained that the UNC School of Government offered recommendations to address those common collection agreement gaps. Those recommendations are being incorporated into the County's municipal collection agreements by an addendum to the existing agreements.

Community Reparations Commission Update. Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Equity & Human Rights, provided a quarterly update on the progress of the Reparations Commission that is a partnership with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County. Cease the Harm Audit, Reparations Summit, commission progress, retreat recap and the timeline were discussed.

Fatal Overdose Response Team Update. Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health provided background and information on current updates, planning, data, and equity. The Joint Information Center practices and activities were explained and the new Medical Substance Use Professional, Dr. Shuchin Shukla was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS