

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
BRIEFING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 21, 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
Terri Wells, Vice Chair
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; John Hudson, Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Curt Euler, Senior Staff Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:03 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:

Buncombe County LIFT Applications. Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, provided an overview of the Legacy Investment from Tourism (LIFT) Fund. Previously proposed projects were proposed as future sources that the funding could be applied. The Board had a discussion and was informed of the next steps.

Community Reparations Commission Update and Extension Request. DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager, updated the Board on the timeline, county staff and resource support, communication and public engagement, extension request and response, and next steps. Community Reparations Commission members voted to request an extension to December 2024 and stated a detailed justification would be provided, per staff’s request. The commission members questioned the need for justification & asked to put the resolution forward as is.

Q1 Strategic Discussion. Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation HR Director, discussed a timeline for the upcoming strategic plan with the new commissioners. The Board plans to implement the new strategic plan by the end of November 2024 before the new commissioners take office in 2024. Updated information was provided about the current strategic plan in the areas of Educated & Capable, Resident Well-Being, Environmental & Energy Stewardship, Vibrant Economy, Foundational, and Equity.

Commissioners’ 2024 Meeting Schedule. Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board, led the discussion with the Commissioners of the proposed meeting schedule. The schedule will be part of the agenda for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS