

**TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

12:00 p.m.

The Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council Special Call Meeting was held and recorded at Atlantic Beach Community Center, 1010 32nd Avenue South, Atlantic Beach, South Carolina, on the 28th day of November, 2023, and transcribed by Amanda Godfrey, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina.



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APPEARANCES

COUNCIL MEMBERS :

Mayor Jake Evans, Chairman
Councilman Edward Lamar Campbell
Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom
Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore

ADMINISTRATION :

Benjamin Quattlebaum Jr., Town Manager
Cheryl Pereira, Town Clerk

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1 Call to Order:

2 **MAYOR EVANS:** This special meeting is called to
3 order this Tuesday, November 28th, year 2023 at
4 12:00 o'clock. Roll call.

5 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

6 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Here.

7 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

8 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Here.

9 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

10 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Here.

11 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** Here. That determines that we do have
13 a quorum. I want to take this time out to
14 welcome the general public and, if you would,
15 stand at this time for a moment of silence.

16 **(Moment of Silence.)**

17 **MAYOR EVANS:** And, if you would, a Pledge of
18 Allegiance.

19 **(Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.)**

20 **MAYOR EVANS:** Due to the circumstances surrounding
21 the November election, we thought it was vital
22 that we be here and take -- and carry out this
23 meeting today. Item -- we're down to Item 5.,
24 consideration to rescind the dissolution of the
25 Town of Atlantic Beach's Election Commission,



1 Council, seek a motion.

2 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I move to reconvene and reaffirm
3 the existence of the Town of Atlantic Beach
4 Municipal Election Commission to the state it
5 had been properly dissolved.

6 **MAYOR EVANS:** Need a second.

7 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

8 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and a second on the
9 floor. Any other questions or comments? If
10 not, roll call.

11 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

12 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

13 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

14 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

15 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

16 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

17 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion is granted. Council,
19 we're down to Item 6., which is Executive
20 Session. I'll be seeking a motion to go into
21 Executive Session for the discussion of
22 personnel matters related to the Town of
23 Atlantic Beach's Election Commission and
24 receive legal advice related to ongoing
25 litigation and non-litigation matters.



1 Council, seek a motion to go into Executive
2 Session for those items.

3 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

4 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

5 **MAYOR EVANS:** It's been moved and seconded. If
6 there are no other questions or comments, roll
7 call.

8 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

9 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

10 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

11 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

12 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

13 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

14 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

15 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted.

16 **Executive Session:**

17 **(Executive Session.)**

18 **MAYOR EVANS:** No action was taken in Executive
19 Session, nothing was voted on but, actually, we
20 need a motion to come out of Executive Session
21 into the regular session. Council?

22 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** So moved.

23 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

24 **MAYOR EVANS:** Motion and a second to come out of the
25 Executive Session into the regular session is



1 on the floor. Any other questions or comments?

2 If not, roll call.

3 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?

4 **COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL:** Yea.

5 **CLERK:** Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

6 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Yea.

7 **CLERK:** Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

8 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** Yea.

9 **CLERK:** Mayor Jake Evans?

10 **MAYOR EVANS:** Yea. The motion's granted.

11 **General Session:**

12 **MAYOR EVANS:** We're now in the regular session of
13 the special meeting and there is some actions
14 that we're gonna take from the discussion
15 during Executive Session.

16 **(Inaudible background noise.)**

17 **COUNCILWOMAN GORE:** I move that we remove Election
18 Commissioner Joe Montgomery for cause in
19 violation of Section 7-13-75 of the South
20 Carolina Code.

21 **MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM:** Second.

22 **MAYOR EVANS:** There's a motion and second on the
23 floor. If there are no other questions or
24 comments, roll call.

25 **CLERK:** Councilman Edward Campbell?



1 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Nay.

2 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

3 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

4 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

6 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

7 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted. Is there
8 another item we have there?

9 (Inaudible background noise.)

10 MAYOR EVANS: You can go ahead.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: I move that we authorize legal
12 counsel to take all appropriate and necessary
13 action to request the Town in the current
14 Supreme Court litigation and related matters.

15 MAYOR EVANS: There is a motion on the floor. Need
16 a second.

17 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Second.

18 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the
19 floor. Any other questions or comments? If
20 not, roll call.

21 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

22 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

23 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

24 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

25 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?



1 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

2 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

3 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion's granted. Council,
4 seek a motion to adjourn.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: So moved.

6 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Second.

7 MAYOR EVANS: There's a motion and a second on the
8 floor to adjourn. Any other questions or
9 comments? If not, roll call.

10 CLERK: Councilman Edward Campbell?

11 COUNCILMAN CAMPBELL: Yea.

12 CLERK: Mayor Pro Tem Josephine Isom?

13 MAYOR PRO TEM ISOM: Yea.

14 CLERK: Councilwoman Jacqueline Gore?

15 COUNCILWOMAN GORE: Yea.

16 CLERK: Mayor Jake Evans?

17 MAYOR EVANS: Yea. The motion is granted. Meeting
18 adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

19 (There being nothing further, the meeting was
20 adjourned.)

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the transcript of the Atlantic Beach Town Meeting consists of eight (8) pages. This transcript was prepared by me without the benefit of my being present during the meeting. Additionally, this transcript was prepared from a audio recording provided to me.

I further certify that I am neither employed by nor related to any of the parties in this matter or their counsel; nor do I have any interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this November 30, 2023.



Amanda J. Creel Godfrey
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