



**CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

August 24, 2016

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting at 5 PM in the Board Meeting room in the Historic Currituck Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to hear responses to notices for cause of removal that were issued to two Currituck County advisory board members. ABC Board member Jerry Maleski received notice to answer to allegations made by Commissioner Gilbert that he had inappropriately touched her during a recent GOP political party meeting. Game Commission member William Curtis Austin was asked to respond due to a posting he made on his Facebook page that referred to his male anatomy and contained profanity. The post was brought to the attention of Commissioners via a citizen complaint.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David L. Griggs	Board Chairman	Present	
O. Vance Aydlett	Vice Chairman	Present	
S. Paul O'Neal	Commissioner	Present	
Paul M. Beaumont	Commissioner	Present	
Marion Gilbert	Commissioner	Present	
Mike D. Hall	Commissioner	Present	
Mike H. Payment	Commissioner	Present	

Chairman Griggs called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda

Commissioner O'Neal moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aydlett and passed unanimously.

Approved Agenda:

5:00 PM Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

New Business

- A) **Receive a response from William Curtis Austin to a Notice of Cause for Removal as a Member of the Currituck County Game Commission for Consideration and Possible Action on Removal**

B) Receive a response from Jerry Malesky to a Notice of Cause for Removal as a Member of the Currituck County ABC Board for Consideration and Possible Action on Removal

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner
SECONDER:	O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman
AYES:	David L. Griggs, Board Chairman, O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman, S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike D. Hall, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS

A. Receive a response from William Curtis Austin to a Notice of Cause for Removal as a Member of the Currituck County Game Commission for Consideration and Possible Action on Removal

Chairman Griggs read a statement which described how comments on social media can negatively affect communities and recalled an earlier taken against an advisory board member due to similar circumstances.

After completing his statement, Chairman Griggs moved that the matter before the Board concerning Mr. Austin be dismissed, with the stipulation and requirement that staff bring to the Board, for review and adoption, a policy easily understood that will provide the various advisory boards future guidance.

Commissioner Aydlett seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Neal agreed it would be appropriate to develop guidelines. He said it is incumbent on all, whether elected or an advisory member, to be perceived as professional and non-biased, and he expressed his desire to put animosity and discord in the past. He said he has seen how social media posts ruin families and friendships.

With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David L. Griggs, Board Chairman
SECONDER:	O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman
AYES:	David L. Griggs, Board Chairman, O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman, S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike D. Hall, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner

RECESS

Chairman Griggs called for a brief recess at 5:04 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 5:25 PM.

NEW BUSINESS**Motion to allow recusal of Commissioner Gilbert**

Chairman Griggs conveyed to the Board a request by Commissioner Gilbert that she be allowed to recuse herself from the item pertaining to Mr. Malesky. Commissioner O'Neal moved to allow Commissioner Gilbert to recuse herself at this time and Commissioner Aydlett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, after which Commissioner Gilbert stood and took a seat in the audience.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner
SECONDER:	O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman
AYES:	David L. Griggs, Board Chairman, O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman, S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike D. Hall, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner

B. Receive a response from Jerry Malesky to a Notice of Cause for Removal as a Member of the Currituck County ABC Board for Consideration and Possible Action on Removal

Chairman Griggs stated he had been presented with a tender of resignation from the ABC Board signed by Jerry Malesky. Chairman Griggs asked for a motion to accept.

Commissioner O'Neal moved to accept the resignation, adjourn the meeting, and dismiss the cause of action against Mr. Malesky. Commissioner Aydlett seconded and the motion was carried 6-0, with Commissioner Gilbert excused from voting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner
SECONDER:	O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman
AYES:	David L. Griggs, Board Chairman, O. Vance Aydlett, Vice Chairman, S. Paul O'Neal, Commissioner, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mike D. Hall, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner
RECUSED:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner

ADJOURN

With no further business and the meeting adjourned as part of the action taken on the previous item, the August 24, 2016, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was concluded.