

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

Agenda Item: 7A	Prepared by: Chris Noury, City Attorney
Agenda Section: Business: Resolution	Date: August 14, 2025
Subject: A Resolution to rescind the motion of August 4, 2025, regarding three (3) appointments to the Municipal Election Commission and to appoint three (3) members to the Municipal Election Commission pursuant to Section 5-15-90 of the Code of Laws of SC and Section 9-5 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Myrtle Beach	Division: Legal

Background:

The Motion of August 4, 2025 regarding three (3) appointments to the Municipal Election Commission (MEC) should be rescinded as it appointed three (3) members to the MEC for six (6) year terms and did not contain information regarding the staggering of the terms for the members of the MEC as required by State and City code.

In addition, one of the appointees, Mr. Scott Slater, indicated he would be unable to serve on the MEC.

The attached Resolution identifies Kathy Dukes, Joni Poff, and Truman Williams, all residents of the City of North Myrtle Beach, as the appointees to the NMB MEC.

Kathy Dukes has eighteen (18) years of experience regarding city and county elections and will serve a six (6) year term on the MEC.

Joni Poff has eight (8) years of experience regarding city and county elections and will serve a four (4) year term on the MEC.

Truman Williams has fourteen (14) years of experience regarding city and county elections and will serve a term of two (2) years on the MEC.

Staff was familiar with the referenced appointees because of the appointee’s experience working prior NMB and county elections.

Section 5-15-90 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina requires each Municipal Election Commissioner to complete, within eighteen months after a commissioner’s initial appointment, a training and certification program conducted by the State Election Commission. Ms. Dukes, Ms. Poff, and Mr. Williams have indicated they will complete the referenced training by August 29, 2025.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Resolution

Reviewed by Department Head	Reviewed by City Manager	Reviewed by City Attorney
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Council Action:
Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ To _____

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE MOTION OF AUGUST 4, 2025, REGARDING THREE (3) APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION AND TO APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-15-90 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND SECTION 9-5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH.

WHEREAS, Section 5-15-90 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina provides in part: “All municipal elections held under the provisions of this chapter must be conducted by a municipal election commission composed of three electors who must be residents of the municipality and who must be appointed by the municipal governing body. The terms of the members are six years except of those first appointed one shall serve a term of four years and one a term of two years.”

WHEREAS, Section 9-5 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Myrtle Beach provides: “All elections of the City shall be conducted by a municipal election commission composed of three (3) electors who shall be residents of the City and who shall be appointed by the municipal governing body. The terms of the members shall be six years; one member being appointed every two years.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Section 1: The motion of August 4, 2025, regarding the three (3) appointments to the Municipal Election Commission is hereby rescinded.

Section 2: Kathy Dukes is hereby appointed to the NMB Municipal Election Commission to serve a term of six (6) years expiring in August 2031.

Section 3: Joni Poff is hereby appointed to the NMB Municipal Election Commission to serve a term of four (4) years expiring in August 2029.

Section 4: Truman Williams is hereby appointed to the NMB Municipal Election Commission to serve a term of two (2) years expiring in August 2027.

Section 5: The Resolution shall be effective upon the date of passage.

RESOLVED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

Mayor Marilyn Hatley

ATTEST:

Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

Resolution: RES 25-15