



Nominating Committee	Chairman Harden then recognized members of the Nominating Committee. She stated the Nominating Committee met on March 9 and nominated a slate of five candidates for four open board seats.
Introduction of Director Candidates	Chairman Harden introduced the director candidates (Caldwell – Kelly Melton; Watauga – Joy Coffey; Ashe – Cindy Price and Christopher Born; and Alleghany – Mitch Franklin) who were nominated by the Nominating Committee.
Qualifications of Director Candidates	Chairman Harden stated candidates for director must meet qualifications as set forth in Section 3.02 of the Bylaws, and that these candidates met those qualifications. -----
Opening and Closing of Polls	Chairman Harden opened the polls at 4:14 p.m. for the election of directors for any members who had not voted and wished to vote or desired to change their previously submitted vote by proxy. Chairman Harden noted that no member wished to vote by ballot. Chairman Harden announced that the polls would be closed at 4:16 p.m. She then returned the chair to President Joines. -----
President's Report	President Joines stated the next order of business was reports from the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Executive Officer. He proceeded to give the President's report. (Copy in minutes book.)
Secretary-Treasurer's Report	Secretary-Treasurer Joy Coffey presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report. (Copy in minutes book.)
Financial Report	CFO Katie Woodle presented the financial report. (Copy in minutes book.)
Chief Executive Officer's Report	CEO Doug Johnson presented the report of the Chief Executive Officer. (Copy in minutes book.) -----
Update on the Election of Directors	President Joines relinquished the chair to Attorney Harden to serve as temporary chair for the purpose of providing an update on the election of directors.  Chairman Harden explained the role of the third party, independent elections vendor, Survey and Balloting Systems ("SBS"). She stated that no Blue Ridge director or employee had access to the member voting designations on the ballots or proxies which were received and maintained by SBS.  Chairman Harden then explained the role of the Credentials and Election Committee in the director elections process and thanked the members of the Credentials and Election Committee for their work.
Credentials and Election Committee Recognized	Chairman Harden recognized members of the Credentials and Election Committee as follows:  Caldwell district: Robert Marshall Watauga district: Allison Jennings Ashe district: Marty Norris (chairman) and Andy Sexton Alleghany district: Chris Jones
Director Election Results	Marty Norris, Chairman of the Credentials and Election Committee authorized Chairman Harden to report on the certified results of the 2021 director election on his behalf. Attorney Harden reported the newly elected directors are Caldwell District – Kelly Melton, Watauga District – Joy Coffey, Ashe District – Cindy Price, and Alleghany District – Mitch Franklin. -----
Member Questions and Comments	President Joines opened the meeting for questions or comments from members. No questions or comments were voiced. -----

New Business                    President Joines asked if there was any further business to come before the meeting. No new business was mentioned.

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Close Business Session    President Joines declared the business session adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Active membership of the Cooperative as of record date, the close of business on June 17, was 60,607.

No member registered and voted by ballot at the Annual Meeting. There were close to 6,000 members who voted by either electronic proxy or mail-in proxy. (List in minutes book.)

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Secretary-Treasurer