

**Town of Swansboro**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**June 19, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Mayor John Davis, Mayor Pro Tem William Justice, Commissioner Jeffrey Conaway, Commissioner Joseph Brown, Commissioner Douglas Eckendorf and Commissioner Pat Turner.

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**Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Pledge**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the special meeting was for the board to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 138.143-11 (a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract, and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, the board entered closed session pursuant to NCGS 138.143-11 (a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract, and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded in closed session the board returned to open session.

Upon re-entering open session Mayor Davis announced that that the board had reached a decision to hire Jonathan Barlow as Town Manager effective July 1, 2024, under a 2-year contract and that the interim Town Attorney contract was extended for up to 3 months.

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, with unanimous approval, Jon Barlow was hired as Town Manager effective July 1, 2024, with a 2-year contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Eckendorf, seconded by Commissioner Turner, with unanimous approval, the interim Town Attorney contract with Cauley Pridgen was extended for up to 3 months, and the Town Manager was authorized to negotiate a permanent contract.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Conaway, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.