

Board of Elections Employees Receive Certifications



Board of Elections Chairman Harry B. Crow, Jr., Juanita Reyes, Kristin Jacumin and County Commission Chairman Richard Helms at the Board of County Commission meeting on October 7, 2019

Three employees with Union County's Board of Elections are being recognized for their achievements in earning professional certifications.

Kristin Jacumin, Director of Elections for Union County, recently earned the designation of Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA), the highest professional achievement, in a ceremony conducted by The National Association of Election Officials in Orlando, Florida.

CERA designation is achieved only through a multi-year course of study taught by the Auburn University MPA faculty, Auburn, Alabama and conducted by the Election Center's Professional Education Program. The intent of the program is to professionalize the management of voter registration and elections administration in promoting and preserving public trust in the democratic process.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the CERA program and appreciate the encouragement and support from our Board of Elections, County Manager, and County Commissioners," Jacumin said. "This certification confirms Union County's commitment to conduct fair and accurate elections for our residents.

Jacumin has been employed by Union County since 2009 and previously served as the Deputy Director of Elections.

Juanita Donjuan Reyes and Phillip Hinson recently completed requirements to receive certification as a Certified Elections Administrator. The North Carolina State Board of Elections Certification Program for Election Officials is designed to provide advanced training and to determine proficiency in election laws and procedures. This program ensures that the county board of elections directors, staff, and board members are equipped to execute their elections duties and responsibilities under the law. State Board staff supervise and administer this program. Courses are designed for the program that focus primarily on election law and election administration.

“I’m proud of the effort these employees put forth to earn these certifications,” said Board of County Commission Chairman Richard Helms. “Their expertise ensures our residents can trust the democratic process our County elections provide.”

Reyes has worked as an Accounting Tech at the Board of Elections since June 2017. Hinson is the Deputy Director of Elections at the Board of Elections. He has been employed with Union County since August 2010 and started at the Board of Elections in October 2015.