

**ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 12/6/21**  
**Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN**

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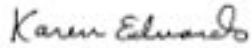
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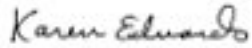
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