Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance

Board Members	Election Services Staff
Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person) Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 9 virtual guests 8 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person)

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed in-person attendees and recognized the virtual attendees.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Member Quinn moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025. Member Blossman seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Today is the first absentee meeting with absentee ballots (2). Tomorrow October 15 is the first Facebook Live election event. Training is happening now for Early Voting and Election Day. Thursday October 16 is the first day of Early Voting. The Early Voting site at 50 Coxe Ave will be set up tomorrow October 15 and the emergency team is lined up with Staff Member Oliver as the lead. The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) web software is being tested as part of emergency preparations.
- The boardroom at 35 Woodfin St is on schedule to be ready for the next meeting on October 21.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review

- Deputy Director Neggy Fox distributed absentee ballot review checklist and reviewed the protocol for civilian (CIV) ballots.
- Twenty-nine CIV, 44 overseas (OVR), and seven military (MIL) absentee ballots were sent out.
- Deputy Director Fox reviewed the new changes for 2025. The Board discussed. Deputy Director Fox took public comment from Judy Williamson. Director Duncan reminded the Board about additional protocol and resolutions that may apply.
- Director Duncan updated that an offer has been made to a candidate for Absentee Coordinator.
- Deputy Director Fox mentioned MIL and OVR also need IDs.
- Deputy Director Fox presented two civilian (CIV) absentee ballots for the Board's review.
- Director Duncan took public comment from Ed Kramer
- The Board reviewed the ballots and discussed the process
- Chair Weinert called for a motion to approve the total two CIV ballots as presented/reviewed. Member Blossman so moved, and Members Stein and Quinn seconded. The Board approved with a vote of five in favor and zero against.
- Regarding the State Board of Elections letter to overseas voters who indicated that they had never resided in North Carolina, Member Quinn asked that the "If" be removed from the statement "If you indicated on your request for a ballot that you have never resided in North Carolina and did so in error, please check the box below, sign and date this form, and return this to your county board office.". Director Duncan will have a ticket submitted to the State Board of Elections for the suggested language change.

Item Five: Finalize Early Voting Plan for Primary

- Deputy Director Fox distributed and presented additional Board requested information regarding the 2026 Primary plan.
- Deputy Director Fox gave an overview of the approval process for the Primary Early Voting Schedules.
- The Board discussed and took public comment.
- Chair Weinert called for a motion. Member Quinn moved to approve the North Asheville Library as a 2026 Primary site. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.
- Member Blossman moved to use South Buncombe Library as a 2026 Primary site, Member Quinn seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.
- Secretary Brain motioned to add Upper Hominy as the 11th site for the 2026 Primary Early Voting Plan. Member Blossman seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.
- Member Quinn moved to support the staff proposal for weekend dates and hours. Member Stein seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.
- Deputy Director Fox and the Board took public comment.
- Deputy Director Fox explained the next step is to submit the plan to the State Board of Elections for review and official/final approval.

Item Six: Update on Facilities Planning

- Chair Weinert provided an update and suggested a closed session with legal counsel during the next meeting.
- The Board discussed and a closed session meeting with the attorney was agreed to by the Board for 5:30 pm on October 21.

Item Seven: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Sally Stein, Member 10/21/25

Jake Quinn, Member 10/21/25

Approval date: 10/21/2025

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 10/21/25

Courtney Blossman, Member