**Buncombe County Board of Elections**
**Meeting Minutes**
**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

## Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:33 pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

## Attendance

| Board Members | Election Services Staff |
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| Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person)<br>Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person)<br>Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person)<br>Sally Stein, Member (in-person)<br>Jake Quinn, Member (in-person)<br><br>1 virtual guest<br>13 in-person guests | Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person)<br>Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person)<br>Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person)<br>Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person)<br>Morgan Chance, Staff (in-person)<br>Grimm Wilson, Staff (in-person)<br>Nate Speier, Staff (in-person)<br>Victoria Pickens, Staff (in-person)<br>Devin Whitney, Staff (virtual)<br>Ryan Oliver, Staff (virtual)<br><br>Buncombe County Staff:<br>Angelica Tyler (CAPE) |

## Welcome Visitors

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

## Item One: Approval of Agenda

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

## Item Two: Minutes

- Chair Weinert moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2025. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

## Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Aaron Bell has accepted the position of Absentee Coordinator and will be starting November 17.
- There have been almost 200 early voters so far.
- The House district change does not affect Buncombe County (District 11).
- The Buncombe County School Board district line and election type have changed. This district now has a Primary and General election, it remains nonpartisan. Filing is

therefore in December as opposed to the summer schedule it had previously. The School Board has been reminded about this and a press release was issued to notify potential candidates.

- Last week Director Duncan met with the attorney for an hour as instructed by the Board to discuss the MOU and will provide updates as they occur.
- It is one week away from Election Day. The next meeting is Monday, November 3 at 5:30 pm to process as many absentee ballots as possible before Election Day.
- Machine deliveries will be made this Thursday to Election Day sites. Friday will be set-up for the Saturday Weaverville Community Center early voting site.

**Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review**

- Deputy Director Neggy Fox distributed the absentee ballot review guide and reviewed the absentee deadlines. The absentee request deadline was last Tuesday, October 21. Starting October 22 and going through Monday, November 3 is the near relative request due to disability or illness timeframe. Voter or near relative must request in person at our office. Ballot return deadline is 7:30pm on Election Day, November 4 to receive civilian (CIV) and any UOCAVA absentee ballots that were emailed. Deficiencies have until Friday at noon to provide the information to cure. Last deadline is UOCAVAs that were mailed out and mailed back must be received by November 13 at 5:00pm.
- Deputy Director Fox presented 15 civilian (CIV) absentee ballots for the Board's review (to include the two previous CIV ballots that were thought to be deficient) and reviewed the protocol to process CIV ballots.
- The Board discussed calling names when processing absentee ballots. Chair Weinert called for a motion to continue with the modus operandi. Member Quinn moved to continue the procedure most recently used to not announce names publicly and wait for clarification from the Director before changing. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board reviewed the ballots.
- Deputy Director Fox presented one overseas (OVR) absentee ballot for the Board's review.
- Deputy Director Fox reviewed the protocol and duplication process for UOCAVA ballots.
- The Board reviewed the ballot.
- One CIV ballot required the duplication team and Chair Weinert confirmed with the team that all calls were heard, all marks were seen, there was satisfaction with the duplication, and there were no questions or concerns regarding the duplicated ballot. The duplication team provided unanimous agreement for all and was dismissed.
- Chair Weinert reported a request from the State Board liaison for a meeting in Buncombe County with Board Chairs in the western part of the state with details to come.
- Chair Weinert called for a motion to approve the absentee ballots as presented. Member Quinn moved to approve 15 CIV ballots and one UOCAVA ballot as reviewed. Member Stein seconded. The Board approved with a vote of five in favor and zero against.

**Item Five: Next Meeting Date**

The next Board of Elections meeting is Monday, November 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 11/03/2025

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 11/3/25

Courtney Blossman, Member 11/3/25

Sally Stein, Member 11/3/25

Jake Quinn, Member 11/3/25