Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 2:02 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance

Board Members	Election Services Staff
Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person)	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Mary Lou Surgi, MAT (in-person) Christiana Krooyndyk, MAT (in-person) Gregg Teufel, MAT (in-person) Terry Rafinski, MAT (in-person) Ron Howell, MAT (in-person) Joyce Kanavel, Staff (in-person) Sasha Hetherington, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person)
4 virtual guests 5 in-person guests	Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Amy Broughton (Legal), in-person

Welcome Visitors

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

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting on March 2, 2026. Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026 meeting. Member Blossman so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Early Voting ended Saturday, February 28. There was record turnout for a mid-term Primary, exceeding 2024 Presidential Primary turnout. The turnout rivaled the 2020 Primary turnout, which was a record primary. No major issues were reported during Early Voting.
- Election Day is tomorrow, March 3! Polls open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm. There are 80 polling locations with 450 poll workers. Voters in line at 7:30pm will be able to cast a ballot at their assigned voting location. There were eight voting location changes and voters were notified. Voters can call Election Services for more information. All voters must show acceptable photo ID. Unaffiliated voters can vote in the Primary by choosing a party's ballot. Sample ballots are available online. Curbside voting is available for voters who are unable to go into the polling place due to age or disability. ADA compliant machines are available at each polling location.
- Member Stein asked that the topic of voter registration drives be added to a future agenda.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review

- Staff Member Aaron Bell presented eight pending ballots for initial review to determine if they are to be recommended for approval at the next meeting.
- Staff Member Bell presented 303 total absentee ballots to review, 275 civilian (CIV), 26 overseas (OVR) and 2 military (MIL). If all of today's ballots are approved, then there will be a total of 767 approved ballots. MAT assistants will be paired with Board members today for reviewing ballots.
- The Board reviewed the ballots and signed the lists.
- One CIV ballot was removed from the list because the ballot envelope was empty. The voter will be contacted and encouraged to vote on Election Day tomorrow.
- Four CIV ballots required duplication. The duplication team duplicated the ballots. Chair Weinert confirmed that the duplication team heard all calls, saw all marks, were satisfied, and had no questions or concerns regarding any duplicated ballot.
- Member Quinn motioned to approve 274 civilian, 26 overseas, and two military absentee ballots for a total of 302 absentee ballots as presented. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is today, Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor, zero opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 04/21/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 4/21/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 4/21/26
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Courtney Blossman 4-21-26
Courtney Blossman, Member

Sally Stein 4/21/26
Sally Stein, Member

Jake Quinn 4/21/26
Jake Quinn, Member