Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 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) 7 virtual guests 4 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Dave Epley, MAT (in-person) Gregg Teufel, MAT (in-person) Terry Rafinski, MAT (in person) Ann Hickey, MAT (in-person) Joyce Kanavel, Staff (in-person) Sasha Hetherington, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (remote) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person) Krystal Carpenter, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Angelica Tyler (CAPE), in-person Lillian Govus (CAPE), 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 3, 2026. Member Stein 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 defer the minutes to a future 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:

- It's Election Day! As of 10:00am, there were 3,656 Election Day voters.

- Polls close at 7:30pm. If voters are in line at 7:30pm, they can still vote.
- The absentee ballot return deadline is today at 7:30pm, please bring completed absentee ballots in person to 35 Woodfin St.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review

- Staff Member Aaron Bell presented 20 total absentee ballots to review, five civilian (CIV), 14 overseas (OVR), and one military (MIL). There was one additional pending CIV ballot for review.
- The Board reviewed the ballots and signed the lists.
- Member Quinn moved to approve the six CIV, 14 OVR, and one MIL absentee ballots as presented by staff. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to recess the meeting. Member Quinn moved to recess the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was recessed at 2:37 pm and reconvened at 7:30 pm.

- Member Blossman moved to reconvene. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Director Duncan stated that polls are closed but anyone in line at 7:30 pm can still vote. The focus will shift to the results part of the evening. The results cannot be revealed statewide until after 8:30 pm because another county in NC had a precinct that could not open on time and the State Board of Elections ruled that the polls in that county have to stay open until 8:30 pm.
- Director Duncan advised the flow of the evening in the order of Absentee, Early Voting and then Election Day results tabulation.
- The warehouse (50 Coxe) live feed is up and running in the boardroom so that the Board can have a visual of precincts bringing in supplies.
- Staff Member Bria Bailey demonstrated to the Board how to close polls on the DS200 used for the first round of Absentee ballots at the first absentee meeting. The tapes were printed and then the Board signed the tapes to confirm they came out of that machine.
- Staff Member Krystal Carpenter began closing the polls and printing the tapes for the eleven Early Voting sites.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review (continued).

- Staff Member Bell presented 20 total absentee ballots for review, 11 CIV, eight OVR, and one MIL.
- There was one additional pending ballot for review and one Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB). Both the pending ballot and the FWAB were approved, increasing the counts to 12 CIV ballots and nine OVR ballots.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve 22 absentee ballots as presented and reviewed. Secretary Braine moved to approve the ballots as presented. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Preliminary Early Voting, Absentee, and Election Day Results

- Staff Member Carpenter completed printing the tapes for the eleven Early Voting sites and presented one from each site to the Board for signing. The Board signed the tapes for the eleven Early Voting locations by 8:29 pm.
- The first flash drive arrived shortly after 8:00 pm. As of 8:18 pm, 21 flash drives were received.
- Staff Member Bailey prepared and presented the Absentee Abstract in triplicate with a printout of the absentee results for the Board to review and compare. Director Duncan explained the process of reading in the absentee-by-mail results and how the reports and handwritten abstracts are created.
- Eleven precincts were checked in at the warehouse by 8:32 pm.
- The Board signed the absentee abstracts in triplicate. The abstracts were notarized by Staff Member Bailey.
- Staff Member Whitney published the absentee-by-mail results to the State Board of Elections to appear on the results page of the website.
- Twenty-seven precincts were checked in at the warehouse as of 8:51 pm.
- Forty-two precincts were checked in at the warehouse as of 9:01 pm.
- Early Voting results were distributed by Staff Member Bailey to the Board for review.
- Staff Member Whitney published the Early Voting results to the State Board of Elections to appear on the results page of the website.
- Staff Member Whitney began publishing Election Day results to the State Board of Elections to appear on the results page of the website.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to recess the meeting from 35 Woodfin and reconvene (and adjourn) at the warehouse at 50 Coxe. Member Quinn so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Six: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 1:00 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The meeting was recessed at 35 Woodfin St at 9:19 pm and reconvened at 50 Coxe Ave at 9:35 pm.

- The Board observed the ballot and supply return at the warehouse.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Blossman so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 04/21/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 4/21/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

MaryAnn Braine 4/21/26
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Courtney Blossman 4/21/26
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