Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 13, 2026 – Canvass!

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:00 am on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 35 Woodfin Street, 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)	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Nathaniel Speier, Staff (in-person) Gretchen Kull, Staff (in-person) Rachael Wonderlich, Staff (in-person) Fern Kirk, Staff (in-person)
5 virtual guests 8 in-person guests	Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Angelica Tyler (CAPE), 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 as presented for this meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Chair Weinert asked for a motion to move the approval of the minutes to the next meeting. Secretary Braine so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The agenda and process for today's meeting was reviewed.
- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to submit a protest.
- Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm is the deadline to request a recount.

Item Four: Challenge Hearings

- Staff Member Devin Whitney presented one Same Day Registration that was returned as undeliverable and deducted from the count.
- A list of all nine total manual edits with actions taken were presented and reviewed by the Board. The Board discussed.
- Staff Member Whitney presented three ballot challenges and their evidence to begin the hearing.
- Chair Weinert read aloud the name of Alex R. Hamrick, who was not present. The Board reviewed the challenge material presented by staff.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to sustain or overrule the ballot challenge for Alex R. Hamrick. Secretary Braine moved to sustain the ballot challenge. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert read aloud the name of John G. Pierce, who was not present. The voter was given the wrong ballot style at Early Voting and then was able to vote provisionally. The Board reviewed the challenge material presented by staff for the original Early Voting ballot.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to sustain or overrule the ballot challenge for John G. Pierce. Member Stein moved to sustain the ballot challenge. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert read aloud the name of Velma J. Manning, who was not present. The voter passed away after submitting an absentee ballot but before Election Day. The Board reviewed the challenge material presented by staff.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to sustain or overrule the ballot challenge of Velma J. Manning. Secretary Braine moved to sustain the ballot challenge. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Four voters left the polling enclosure with their ballots. Their voter history reflects not voted.

Item Five: Presentation of Audit

- Staff member Aaron Bell presented and reviewed the final audit report for absentee-by-mail, broken down by meeting date when accepted and further broken down by civilian (CIV), overseas (OVR), and military (MIL). In total, 831 absentee ballots were approved. Total absentee ballots issued were 1,609. Everything balanced with no issues or discrepancies to report.
- Staff Member Whitney presented and reviewed the Early Voting audit summary with daily totals. Everything balanced with no issues or discrepancies to report. In total, 30,772 ballots went through the DS200 and this matched voter history. The Board discussed.
- Staff Member Nathaniel Speier presented and reviewed the Provisional audit summary. There were 151 fully approved, 24 partially approved, and 129 disapproved provisional ballots for a grand total of 304 provisional applications. The Board discussed.
- Staff Member Bria Bailey presented and reviewed the Election Day audit summary. Everything balanced on Election Day. In total 23,267 ballots were cast and for voter history, there were 23,267. This is a perfect match, which is rare.
- There were 30,772 Early Voting ballots cast and 30,772 in voter history. There were 175 provisional ballots cast and 175 in voter history. There were 831 absentee ballots cast and

831 in voter history. In total, there were 55,045 ballots cast and 55,045 in voter history. The Board discussed.

- The Board reviewed, discussed, and asked questions about the DS200 tapes, 950 results print outs, the ATV notebooks, and the spreadsheet showing the Early Voting and Election Day results.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to recess the meeting until the reports are ready. Member Quinn so moved. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The board recessed at 11:56 am and reconvened at 12:15 pm.

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to come back into session. Member Blossman so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. Back in session.

Item Six: Presentation of Reports & Certification of Election

- Staff Member Bailey presented three copies of the following: the 2026 Primary Election Abstract, Results by Contest, Results by Precinct, Block Style Canvass report, and the last report is the Manual Entry Log.
- The Board reviewed, discussed, and asked questions about the above reports.
- The Board took public comment.
- The Election Summary Official Results report was distributed to the Board.
- Chair Weinert read the abstract cover sheet aloud.
- Chair Weinert called for a motion to approve the election abstract and results as presented. Member Quinn moved to accept the abstract and results of the March 3, 2026 Primary election as presented by staff. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board signed the results lists and abstract cover sheet of votes. Director Duncan notarized. The election is certified!

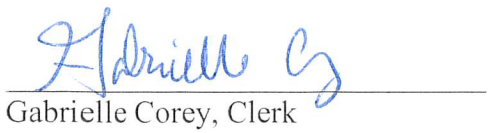
Item Seven: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 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

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Jake Quinn, Member