Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 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) 11 virtual guests 13 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Rachael Wonderlich, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Angelica Tyler (CAPE), in-person Amy Broughton (Legal), in-person

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed attendees.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Member Blossman 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 requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for April 21, 2026. Member Stein so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The County Manager is presenting the proposed budget to the commissioners right now and the budget brief is available.
- Candidate filing for Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors opens at noon on Monday June 8.
- The Election Services office is closed for County holiday on Monday, May 25 and also Friday, June 19.
- Buncombe County was one of several counties selected by the State Board of Elections (SBOE) to do a pilot audit for deceased voter list maintenance. The audit includes a site visit June 24.

- The facilities workgroup met with Tim Love on May 13. The warehouse at 50 Coxe Ave will not be moved until 2029, after the Presidential election. Staff advocated that planning will need to happen in 2027. The Board discussed. The Board will request an update from Tim Love to the Board in an open meeting in August.

Item Four: Poll Worker Survey Summary

- Staff Member Rachael Wonderlich presented the Early Voting and the Election Day poll worker surveys.
- The Board discussed the results of the survey.

Item Five: Badge Access Resolution

- Director Duncan presented a draft resolution for Board Member badge access to 35 Woodfin St. based on what the Board discussed at the previous Board meeting. Chair Weinert circulated a version with suggested edits.
- The Board discussed the resolutions and their edits.
- The Board agreed to make requested edits for a new version to be circulated prior to and then presented and voted on at the next meeting on May 21.

Item Six: Discuss Board Priorities

- Director Duncan presented the status of known Board priorities, including the Early Voting plan, emergency/contingency plan, board badge access, budget/HR session scheduled for Thursday May 21, monitoring facilities planning regarding the warehouse, and the MOU discipline addendum that identifies the Director of Elections instead of the County Manager for disciplinary action.
- The Board discussed.

Item Seven: Present 2026 General Early Voting Plan

- Director Duncan explained the goal of the Early Voting Implementation Plan presentation today, the benefits of unanimous buy-in, and that it has to be submitted to the SBOE by July 24.
- Deputy Director Neggy Fox presented the proposed Early Voting Implementation Plan for the 2026 General Election. The public input survey will open online on May 21 through June 19.
- The Board discussed the plan.
- The Board took public comment from Judy Williamson.
- Deputy Director Fox and Director Duncan gave an overview of the approval process for the General Early Voting plan.

Item Eight: Voter Challenges Hearing

- Deputy Director Neggy Fox gave an overview of how voter challenge hearings work.
- Director Duncan read out the qualifications to vote.
- Challenger Thomas Neubauer was present but declined to provide any additional evidence.

- Chair Weinert called out the names of each of the 30 individuals being challenged and asked if they or any of their representatives were present. None were present.
- Thirty voter challenges, on the basis of death, from the previous meeting's preliminary hearing were presented.
- Chair Weinert gave Deputy Director Fox the oath. Deputy Director Fox shared what Elections Services staff found in their research into these individuals.
- The Board reviewed the materials submitted by the challenger and asked Deputy Director Fox questions.
- Member Quinn made a motion to sustain all thirty of the voter challenges and remove the voters as presented by staff. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Director Duncan advised the challenges will be processed as soon as possible for removal with reason: challenge sustained.

Item Nine: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is an information session with county Budget/Human Resources on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 3:30pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The following Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Item Ten: Closed Session for Personnel Discussion

- Chair Weinert called for a motion to recess to go into closed session. Member Quinn moved to enter into closed session for personnel discussion per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board recessed and went into closed session at 6:26 pm. The Board came back into open session at 7:02 pm.
- Member Blossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with four in favor (Member Quinn absent) and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 4/29/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 4/23/26
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Approval date: 06/23/2026

Courtney Blossman, Member 6/23/26

Sally Stein, Member 6/23/26

Jake Quinn, Member 6/23/26