Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 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) 40 virtual guests 13 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Angelica Tyler (CAPE), in-person

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed 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 approve the minutes of the meetings for May 19, May 21, and May 28, 2026. Member Blossman so moved. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The State Board of Elections in-person audit for deceased voter list maintenance is tomorrow 6/24.
- House Bill 958 is rapidly changing but something to watch. It has not passed the House or Senate yet.
- County Commission passed a resolution for two General Obligation (GO) Bonds, for affordable housing and open space.
- North Carolina Association of Directors of Elections (NCADE) workshop in Wake County was attended by three Buncombe County Election Services staff.

- Election Science, Reform, and Administration (ESRA) conference in Phoenix went well. The ESRA conference will be in Asheville next year, as will the State Board of Elections conference.
- National Association of Counties (NACo) invited us to present on Helene next month in New Orleans.
- Reminder to submit information for Public Records Requests due soon.
- Two podcasts on resilient elections are being recorded this week.
- The Candidate Coordinator position has been posted.
- Candidate filing for Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors is under way and ends at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 6 (due to July 3 holiday). There are four notices of candidacy filed so far and the list of candidates is updated on the website as they file.
- Candidate filing for Black Mountain and Montreat begins at 8:00 am on Monday, July 6 (due to July 3 holiday) and ends at noon on Friday, July 17.
- The Election Services office will be closed Friday, July 3.
- Chair Wienert updated the Board that she spoke with Brandon Freeman to request a meeting in closed session to finish work on the MOU. The Board discussed.

Item Four: Facilities Update

- Chair Weinert and Member Stein provided an update from their meeting with Tim Love on June 18 that the warehouse and storage will be moving to the J.C. Penney building at the Asheville Mall after 2028. The Board discussed.

Item Five: Public Input Session for 2026 General Early Voting Plan

- Director Duncan gave an overview of the Early Voting plan survey presentation.
- The Board discussed that if another board meeting is needed to continue discussion of the Early Voting plan, the Board will meet on Monday, June 29 at 3:30pm in the board room.
- Deputy Director Neggy Fox reviewed the proposed Early Voting Implementation Plan for the 2026 General Election that was initially presented on May 19, 2026.
- Deputy Director Fox updated the Board on available sites and unavailable sites.
- Deputy Director Fox presented the public input that has been received so far, thanked survey responders, and then shared the revised proposed Early Voting Implementation Plan.
- Chair Weinert reviewed guidelines for public comment.
- The Board took public comment from Melissa Cole Essig.
- The Board took public comment from Tom Sullivan.
- The Board took public comment from Catherine Walsh.
- The Board discussed the revised plan.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to, upon consensus reached, a possible vote on approval of the Early Voting plan next meeting on Monday, June 29. Member Quinn so moved. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Six: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Monday, June 29, 2026 at 3:30pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 06/29/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 6/29/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 6/29/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 6-29-26

Sally Stein, Member 6/29/26

Jake Quinn, Member 6/29/26