Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:34 pm on Tuesday, August 25, 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) 2 virtual guests 13 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Rachael Wonderlich, Staff (in-person) Mike Arcata, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (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. Member Blossman seconded. There was discussion. 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 meeting for July 14, 2026. Member Quinn so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- 2026 Mid-term general election train is rolling!
- Mike Arcata joined our team on August 10 as the new Candidate Coordinator. Welcome, Mike!
- The State Board of Elections conference in Greensboro was well attended. Member Stein commented on election security and its importance. Director Duncan explained all-hazards planning approach to preparedness.
- Early Voting plan for the General Election was approved by the State Board of Elections on August 6, 2026.

- House Bill 834 has passed and has become law. We can process Early Voting ballots earlier on Election Day. Provisional ballot processing has moved from three to five days.
- Poll worker and poll observer information sessions have been a success so far with a lot of interest! The last poll observer information session is Tuesday, September 1 at 5:30pm. A general information session is Thursday, August 27 at 5:30pm at 35 Woodfin St in the board room.
- A list maintenance overview/recap was given and we are up-to-date on all list maintenance processes.
- Absentee Ballots have been created for the general election and will start going out Friday, September 4. Around 1,600 absentee ballot requests have been received to date. The deadline to request absentee ballots is October 20.
- Early Voting and Election Day poll worker training begins on Monday, September 14.
- Early Voting palm cards are ready. We are working on an All You Need to Know article, coming out this week.
- Sample ballots are available online via the voter search tool.

Item Four: Voting Location Change

- Staff Member Ryan Oliver proposed Resolution No. 2026-04 to move Election Day precinct 60.4 from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church at 801 Charlotte Hwy, Fairview, NC 28730 to A.C. Reynolds High School at 1 Rocket Dr, Asheville, NC 28803, which is in precinct.
- The Board discussed the proposed resolution.
- Member Braine moved to approve the voting location change of precinct 60.4 from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church to A.C. Reynolds High School. Member Quinn seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Wienert signed the resolution.

Item Five: MAT Appointments

- Staff Member Rachael Wonderlich presented the list of proposed Multi-partisan Assistance Team (MAT) members. The list included 12 Democrats and12 Republicans. The Board reviewed the list and asked questions about MAT.
- Member Blossman made a motion to approve the MAT appointments as presented by staff. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board signed the list.

Item Six: Early Voting Poll Worker Appointments

- Staff Member Wonderlich presented the draft list of the Early Voting poll workers for the 2026 General election and an overview of the appointment process. Buncombe County is 43% Unaffiliated, 21% Republican, 34% Democrat.
- The Board discussed. Staff Member Wonderlich answered questions.
- Member Quinn made a motion to approve the Early Voting poll worker appointments that were presented by staff. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board signed the list.

Item Seven: Board Schedule Update

- Staff Member Gabrielle Corey circulated and gave an overview of an updated draft board schedule based on recent law changes for the board's review and consideration.
- Member Quinn made a motion to approve the revised board schedule as presented. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Eight: Voter Challenges Hearing

- Deputy Director Neggy Fox and Director Duncan gave an overview of the voter challenge hearing process. Director Duncan read aloud the qualifications to vote.
- Chair Weinert gave challenger Thomas Neubauer the oath. He gave thanks to the Board and at Member Quinn's request, talked about his research process.
- Chair Weinert called out the names of each of the 41 individuals being challenged and asked if they or any of their representatives were present. None were present.
- Forty-one 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 Stein made a motion to sustain the challenge for forty of the forty-one voter challenges and remove the voters as presented by staff. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Member Quinn made a motion to deny the challenge (overrule) for one, Mary Shipman, of the forty-one voter challenges because they do not have a match. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Nine: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- The Board took public comment.
- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Glenda P. Weinert 9/15/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Approval date: 09/15/2026

Mary Ann Braine 9/15/26
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

9-15-26

Courtney Blossman, Member

9/15/26

Sally Stein, Member

9/15/26

Jake Quinn, Member

RESOLUTION 2026-04

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #60.4

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 60.4 is Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 801 Charlotte Hwy, Fairview, NC 28730; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 provides that a county board of elections shall have power from time to time, by resolution, to establish, alter, discontinue, or create such new election precincts or voting places as it may deem expedient.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, voting for Precinct 60.4 will cease to occur at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, A.C. Reynolds High School, 1 Rocket Dr, Asheville, NC 28803, will be the new voting location for Precinct 60.4; and,

3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson on August 25, 2026.

Dr. Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections