**Buncombe County Board of Elections**
**Meeting Minutes**
**Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

## Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:31 pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

## Attendance

| Board Members | Election Services Staff |
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| Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person)<br>Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person)<br>Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person)<br>Sally Stein, Member (in-person)<br>Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) | Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person)<br>Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person)<br>Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person)<br>Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person)<br>Joyce Kanavel, Staff (in-person)<br>Rachael Fortune, Staff (in-person)<br>Emerson Ellis, Staff (in-person)<br>Mary Lou Surgi, MAT (in-person)<br>Christiana Kroondyk, MAT (in-person)<br>Gregg Teufel, MAT (in-person)<br>Ron Howell, MAT (in-person)<br>Terry Rafinski, MAT (in-person)<br><br>Buncombe County Staff:<br>Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person<br>Amy Broughton (Legal), in-person |
| 2 virtual guests<br>10 in-person guests | |

## 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 approve the minutes of the meetings for 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm on October 6, 2026. Member Blossman so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to defer the minutes of the meeting at 1:00 pm today to the next meeting on October 20, 2026. Member Quinn moved to defer the minutes. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

## Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Election Day machine testing by the Board today concludes Logic & Accuracy (L&A)
- Early Voting starts Thursday, October 15 and goes through October 31. All sites have been set up. Monday-Friday is 8:00 am - 7:30 pm, Saturdays are 10:00 am - 3:00 pm except the last Saturday, which is 8:00 am - 3:00 pm on October 31. Sunday, October 25 is open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. There are 13 sites and voters can go to any of these. Voters must bring photo ID. Same-day registration is available at Early Voting. Check the wait map on the website.
- Election Day poll worker training is happening now. We've completed 20 trainings.
- Voter registration deadline was last Friday, October 9. Same-day registration at Early Voting sites is the last opportunity to register or update your registration for this election.
- Voters can check their status online using the voter search tool and can also see their sample ballots.
- Last day to request Absentee-by-mail ballots is next Tuesday, October 20.

**Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review**

- Staff Member Aaron Bell reported the total ballots issued to date are 5,726: 4,963 Civilian (CIV), 40 Military (MIL), and 723 Overseas (OVR).
- Staff Member Bell presented nine CIV ballots with non-curable deficiencies recommended for disapproval. The Board reviewed.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to disapprove the nine absentee ballots presented with non-curable deficiencies. Member Blossman so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. The Board signed the list.
- Staff Member Bell presented 464 total absentee ballots for Board review today with assistants: 379 CIV, five MIL, and 80 OVR.
- The Board reviewed the ballots.
- The Board took public comment.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to recess for 30 minutes. Member Stein moved to recess. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. The Board recessed at 5:23 pm.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to come back into session. Member Quinn so moved. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. The Board reconvened at 5:53 pm.
- Two CIV ballots were moved to pending status due to mismatches with the CIV number.
- Nine CIV ballots required duplication. The duplication team duplicated the ballots. Chair Weinert administered the oath to the duplication team and they heard all calls, saw all marks, were satisfied, and had no questions.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the absentee ballots as presented. Member Quinn moved to approve 377 CIV ballots, five MIL ballots, and 80 OVR ballots for a total of 462 ballots as reviewed. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. The Board signed the lists.

**Item Five: Next Meeting Date**

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 10/20/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 10/20/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 10/20/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 10/20/26

Sally Stein, Member 10/20/26

Jake Quinn, Member 10/20/26