Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:37 pm on September 24, 2025, at 59 Woodfin Place, Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance

Board Members	Election Services Staff
Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (virtual) Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 2 virtual guests 10 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Devin Whitney, Tech Specialist (in-person) Karen Rae, Staff (in-person) Amy Meier, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person)

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert attended virtually. She welcomed visitors.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Member Stein moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2025. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- A Woodfin council candidate withdrew after the legal deadline. The law allows for this if there is sufficient time to reprint the sample ballots. This was done and new sample ballots are ready. The cost for re-coding is around $200.
- Staff member Oliver reported that all locations for the municipal election have been confirmed, and ADA surveyed. Of the 80 precincts that will be open for the primary election in March 2026, there are 6 which have not been confirmed. Oliver has verbal agreements with three precincts: Precinct 23.2 will continue to be at Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church; Precinct 27.2 will need to be in a new location as the Fire Department is remodeling and will not have the open space they had before. The new location will be Revol Church which is not in precinct; Precinct 4.1 will need to be in a

new location as the N. Asheville Community Center is being used for storage and has no space. Oliver looked for a tax supported structure in precinct but was not able to find one. The new location will be the North Asheville Library which is not in precinct. There are three precincts which do not have confirmed locations. Precinct 35.1 - Oliver looked for looked for a tax supported structure in precinct but was not able to find one. Owen High School is being considered; it is not in precinct. Precinct 57.1 - Mills Gap Baptist Church is in precinct, and Oliver is going to arrange a site visit. Another option is Cane Creek Community Center which is not in precinct. Precinct 26.1 – Oliver has identified two churches in precinct and is going to arrange site visits.

- Staff member Meier reported on the Registration Repair Project. At the beginning there were 2,087 Buncombe County voters on the list; there are now 1,293. The State Board has sent out instructions to all voters on the list. The State Board is requesting another review of the records before Dec. 15. This sweep will focus on records where voters did give a DL number or last 4 of their social security number but those numbers did not validate for some reason. The State Board will also do further mailings.
- Director Duncan reported that some appointed judges for the municipal election are unable to serve. The statute allows for replacement judges to be made by the Board Chair after consulting with the chairs of the two political parties. Each judge stepping in as a replacement is from the same party as the vacating judge. A list of replacement judges was circulated to the Board.
- Boardroom schedule. Although the AV install at 35 Woodfin has begun, it is not expected to be completed by the Oct. 7 meeting. As the Oct. 7 agenda will include voter challenges, and the voters will be noticed where the hearing will take place, it was determined that the next board meeting should be held at 59 Woodfin Place.
- Gabrielle Corey accepted the position of Clerk to the Board and will start on October 6.
- Screening has been completed of candidates for the Absentee Coordinator position. Interviews scheduled for next week.
- All six municipalities have agreed to the new municipal agreements.
- Logic and Accuracy testing has begun. The machines will be tested first by staff and then by the Board in a public meeting. Member Braine requested notification of the staff testing so she could observe.
- On October 3 Absentee ballots will go out and our experienced seasonal staff will handle this.
- Some events involving Election Services: Judge Appreciation Event is Friday September 26 at 200 College Street and board members are welcome. Staff members, Rae and Meier attended an AB Tech Fall Festival on Sept. 23. For National Voter Registration Day, Election Services partnered with the libraries which had voter registration tables for a week. Staff members, Pickens and Speier attended a State Board Treasurer Training.

Item Four: Voter Challenges Preliminary Hearing

- Director Duncan presented 25 voter registration challenges, all of which are being challenged on the basis that the voter is deceased.
- The Board reviewed the materials submitted by the challenger.
- Member Braine moved to proceed to a full hearing for all 25 voter registration challenges. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

- The full challenge hearings will take place at the October 7 meeting.

Item Five: MOU with Buncombe County

- Chair Weinert spoke with the law firm of Allen, Stahl and Kilbourne. They also represent the municipality of Montreat which might present a conflict. The law firm stated their first priority will be to Election Services and will amend their contract to reflect this. The amended contract to be voted on at the Oct. 7 meeting.
- Chair Weinert asked board members to review the existing MOU with the County and send comments or suggestions to her by Sept. 30. If a contract has been approved by the Board and signed with a law firm, Chair Weinert will share these comments and suggestions with them, and they will review the existing MOU.

Item Six: Next Meeting Date

- The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 3:30 pm at 59 Woodfin Pl, Asheville, NC 28801.
- Member Quinn made a motion to close the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Karen Rae, Clerk

Approval date: 10-7-25

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 10/7/25
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 10/7/25
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Courtney Blossman 10/7/2025
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Sally Stein 10/7/25
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