Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 59 Woodfin Place, 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) 8 virtual guests 11 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Karen Rae, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (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 for this meeting. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Secretary Braine moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2025. Member Stein seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Director Duncan welcomed Gabrielle Corey, the new Clerk to the Board.
- Director Duncan provided a general overview of the upcoming Municipal Election November 4, 2025 for Weaverville, Woodfin, and Woodfin Water and Sewer, including offices on the ballot and voting information.
- Absentee by Mail ballots were sent out last Friday October 3, 2025. The deadline to submit an Absentee by Mail request form is October 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm.
- The Chief Judge Appreciation Event on September 26 was well attended. About 85 judges participated.
- Training for early voting and Election Day starts next week. Early voting begins next Thursday.

- A multi-partisan assistance team (MAT) visited an assisted living facility in Weaverville today.
- Completed internal Logic and Accuracy Testing as well as the mock data upload with no issues.
- Update on Absentee position: 2nd round of interviews this Thursday.
- Chair Weinert took comment from attendee Judy Williamson regarding the Registration Repair Project.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review [tabled]

- Deputy Director Fox reported there were no absentee ballots to review at this meeting.
- Absentee ballots were mailed or emailed last Friday: 13 local civilian ballots, 44 overseas ballots, and 6 military ballots. Absentee ballots are due by Election Day.

Item Five: Voter Challenges Hearing

- Director Duncan gave an overview of voter challenge hearing procedure.
- Director Duncan read the qualifications to vote.
- 25 voter challenges, on the basis of death, from the previous meeting's preliminary hearing were presented.
- Challenger Thomas Neubauer not present.
- Chair Weinert administered the oath to Director Duncan. Director Duncan provided the voter challenges and the staff research for each voter challenge.
- Chair Weinert called out the names of each of the 25 individuals being challenged and asked if they or any of their representatives were present. None were present.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the materials submitted by the challenger and by staff.
- Chair Weinert asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none, asked for a motion. Member Quinn motioned to sustain all 25 of the voter challenges and remove the voters. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Director Duncan advised the challenges will be processed tomorrow for removal with reason: sustained challenge.

Item Six: Early Voting Implementation Plan Feedback

- Deputy Director Fox presented the results of the public input on the Early Voting Implementation Plan for the 2026 Primary for next review on October 14.
- The Board discussed.
- Chair Weinert took public comment.
- Deputy Director Fox will present additional Board requested information at the next meeting.

Item Seven: Legal Agreement Amendment

- The agreement with the law firm of Allen, Stahl and Kilbourne has been amended. The Board reviewed the amended agreement.
- Chair Weinert opened the floor to questions and provided the rate sheet.
- The Board discussed the agreement.

- Member Blossman moved to accept the agreement. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert signed the legal agreement.
- Member Quinn moved to recess the meeting and reconvene at 50 Coxe Ave at 5:50 pm. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. Chair Weinert recessed meeting.
- Member Quinn clarified that the meeting would adjourn at 50 Coxe Ave.
- Director Duncan invited public attendees to attend at 50 Coxe Ave.

Item Eight: Election Day Voting Machine Testing at 50 Coxe Ave

The Board recessed at 5:35 pm to move to 50 Coxe Ave for Early Voting and Election Day machine testing. The meeting was brought back into session at 5:55 pm.

- According to NC G.S. § 163-33.2, the Board shall test voting machines, in a reasonable number of combinations, no less than ten percent (10%) of all voting machines programmed for each election.
- All eleven Election Day machines, ten Early Voting ExpressVote machines, and two tabulators were available for Board testing. The Board tested seven Election Day machines, ten Early Voting machines, and two tabulators.
- The Board tested machines with the following serial numbers:

Election Day DS200:

DS0315350439	DS0315350162
DS0315350449	DS0315350218
DS0315350165	DS0315350113
DS0315350471	

Early Voting DS200:

DS0315350135	DS0315350451

Early Voting ExpressVote:

EV0222380140	EV0222380208	EV0222380376
EV0222380174	EV0222380175	EV0222380507
EV0222380294	EV0222380264	
EV0222380181	EV0222380131	

- The Board completed a hand-eye comparison of ballots to machine tapes and found no errors.
- Chair Weinert moved to approve the machine testing, because all machine counts matched hand-eye counts. Member Quinn seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero against.

Item Nine: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 3:30 pm at 59 Woodfin Pl, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 10/14/2025

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 10/14/25

Courtney Blossman, Member 10-14-2025

Sally Stein, Member 10/14/2025

Jake Quinn, Member 10/14/25