Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:31 pm on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 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) 7 virtual guests 6 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Karen Rae, Staff (in-person) Victoria Pickens, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person) Nate Speier, Staff (in-person) Amy Meier, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Angelica Tyler (CAPE), in-person 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 for this meeting as presented. 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 November 13, 2025 meeting. Member Blossman so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2025 meeting. Member Blossman so moved. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Welcome new Absentee Coordinator, Aaron Bell.

- Candidate filing started December 1 and will go through December 19 at noon, here at 35 Woodfin St next to the Board room. Thirty-one candidates have filed so far and the list is available on the Election Services website.
- Early Voting plan has been submitted as of December 4, 2025 to the State Board of Elections for review/approval.
- Interviews for the Recruiting and Outreach position are being conducted this week.
- Secretary Braine and Member Stein are in the process of getting their state certification with the State Board.
- Deputy Director Fox and Staff Member Rae had an outreach event at Deerfield last week with great attendance. Tomorrow December 10, Staff Member Meier and Staff Member Rae are going to Community High School in Swannanoa for a voter registration drive and photo IDs.
- Post-election/facilities update – working on door access/security protocol with IT. Operational changes since moving to 35 Woodfin have been implemented.
- Director Duncan received a draft MOU from legal counsel Brandon Freeman and once reviewed, it will be shared with the Chair and then circulated to the Board. Invoices to date from the firm were shared.
- Chair Weinert shared that State Auditor liaison Dallas Woodhouse will be here on Friday December 12 conducting a Board chair training from 2:30pm-5:00pm for about 12 chairs. Chair Weinert will report at the next board meeting.

Item Four: Voting Location Changes

- Staff member Ryan Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-10 to move Election Day precinct 4.1 from North Asheville Community Center at 37 E Larchmont Rd, Asheville, NC 28804 to Claxton Elementary at 241 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28801. The Board discussed the proposed resolution.
- Chair Weinert made a motion to approve moving the voting location of Buncombe County precinct 4.1 from the North Asheville Community Center to Claxton Elementary. Member Quinn moved to further discussion. The Board discussed. Member Blossman called the question. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-11 to move Election Day precinct 26.1 from St. George Episcopal Church at 1 School Rd, Asheville, NC 28806 to Malvern Hills Presbyterian at 2 Bear Creek, Asheville, NC 28806. The Board discussed hearing all resolutions as presented before approving.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-12 to move Election Day precinct 27.2 from the Beaverdam Fire Department at 450 Beaverdam Rd, Asheville, NC 28804 to the North Asheville Library at 1030 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-13 to move Election Day precinct 34.1 from the Lakeview Senior Center at 401 Laurel Circle Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711 to the Black Mountain Library at 105 N Dougherty St, Black Mountain, NC 28711.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-14 to move Election Day precinct 35.1 from Black Mountain Montessori at 101 Carver Ave, BM, NC 28711 to St. James Episcopal Church at 424 W State St, BM, NC 28711.

- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-15 to move Election Day precinct 41.1 from the French Broad Fire Dept at 572 Fletcher Martin Rd, Alexander, NC 28701 to Alexander Baptist Church at 1 Curtis Parker Rd, Alexander, NC 28701.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-16 to move Election Day precinct 60.2 from Reynolds Fire Dept at 1 Charles Lytle Ln, Asheville NC 28803 to Reynolds Middle School at 2 Rocket Dr, Asheville, NC 28803.
- The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Secretary Braine moved to approve the changes as presented in each resolution, Member Blossman seconded. The motion passed with five in favor and zero opposed. Chair Weinert signed the resolutions.
- Staff member Oliver and Deputy Director Fox are visiting Cane Creek Community Center this evening as a potential polling place for precinct 57.1.
- Staff member Oliver presented the proposed Resolution 2025-17 for out of precinct voting locations, to include 16 voting precincts. The Board discussed.
- Chair Weinert read aloud the 16 precincts and their voting locations from the resolution. Member Quinn motioned to accept the resolution as read, Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Appointment of Early Voting Poll Workers

- Staff member Karen Rae presented the list of Early Voting poll worker assignments to the Board for review. Nominations were due December 1. Fifty-nine Republicans were nominated and 80 Democrats were nominated. Of those, 36 Republicans accepted an assignment, seven have yet to respond, and 16 are unable to work. Of the Democrats, 63 have accepted their assignment, nine have yet to respond, and 8 are unable to work. The Board discussed.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the list of Early Voting election official appointments as presented for the 2026 Primary. Member Quinn so moved and Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Six: MAT Appointments

- Staff member Rae presented the list of 19 (nine Republicans, eight Democrats, and two Unaffiliated (nominated by the Democratic Party were nominated) suggested Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) assignments to the Board for review. The Board discussed the list.
- Chair Weinert made a motion to approve the list of appointments as presented by staff. Member Quinn moved to approve the staff recommendation for the Multipartisan Assistance Team members for the 2026 election. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. The Board signed the list.

Item Seven: Resolution for Vacancies

- Director Duncan presented Resolution 2025-09 delegating authority from the County Board to the Director and Outreach Coordinator the responsibilities to fill poll worker vacancies for Early Voting and Election Day, and appoint emergency Election Day workers. The Board discussed.

requested a motion

- Chair Weinert ~~made a motion~~ to approve the resolution delegating authority to appoint poll worker vacancies. Member Quinn motioned to adopt the resolution. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Eight: FY2027 Budget Review

- Staff member Victoria Pickens presented the proposed budget for FY2027.
- The Board discussed the proposed budget and requested additional information on early voting and permanent staff salaries. The budget review will be revisited at the next meeting on January 6.

Item Nine: Voter Challenges Preliminary Hearing

- Director Duncan explained the two part challenge process and 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 Blossman 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.
- Staff will research these and notify the challenged voters and the challenger.
- The full challenge hearings will take place at the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Item Ten: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 01/06/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 1/6/2026 mab
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Courtney Blossman 1-6-2026
Courtney Blossman, Member

Sally Stein 1-6-26
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Jake Quinn, Member