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
Sally Stein, Member

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Jake Quinn, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT POLL WORKER VACANCIES

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-33 specifies the duties and responsibilities granted by the North Carolina State Board of Elections to the county boards of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-35(d), the county board of elections shall specify the duties and responsibilities of the county directors of elections; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-41(d), the chairman of the county board of elections shall appoint a chief judge or judge of election if there is a vacancy in a precinct election office; and

WHEREAS, Numbered Memo 2023-07(4) provides that if a vacancy occurs in the position of chief judge, judges, and assistants the county board may appoint someone to fill the role or may delegate this responsibility to county board staff; and

WHEREAS, under the general supervision of the Buncombe County Board of Elections, the Buncombe County Director of Elections shall be responsible for the duties listed below; and

WHEREAS, the NC State Board of Elections passed a Resolution dated October 31, 2025 providing that the county board of elections may choose to appoint at least eight registered voters in the county as emergency election-day assistants and shall make reasonable efforts to appoint those assistants no later than one week before Election Day for the primary or election.

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

1. The Buncombe County Board of Elections delegates to the Director of Elections and the Recruiting and Outreach Coordinator the responsibility of appointing individuals to fill vacancies that currently exist or may occur on the roster of chief judges, judges, and assistants for all elections.
2. The Buncombe County Board of Elections delegates to the Director of Elections and the Recruiting and Outreach Coordinator the responsibility of appointing at least eight emergency election-day assistants.
3. A report will be provided to the Buncombe County Board of Elections, documenting any use of this delegated authority, at its next meeting after each appointment is made. That report will include a description of who used the authority (Director or Coordinator), and how the appointments were made.
4. That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption through July 15, 2027.

This 9th day of December 2025.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BY: Glenda P. Weinert

Glenda Weinert, Chair

RESOLUTION 2025-10

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #4.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 4.1 is North Asheville Community Center, 37 E Larchmont Rd, Asheville, NC 28804; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 4.1 will cease to occur at North Asheville Community Center; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Claxton Elementary School, 241 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28801, will be the new voting location for Precinct 4.1; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-11

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #26.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 26.1 is St George's Episcopal Church, 1 School Rd, Asheville, NC 28806; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 26.1 will cease to occur at St. George's Episcopal Church; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Malvern Hills Presbyterian, 2 Bear Creek, Asheville, NC 28806, will be the new voting location for Precinct 26.1; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-12

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #27.2

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 27.2 is Beaverdam Fire Department, 450 Beaverdam Rd, Asheville, NC 28804; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 27.2 will cease to occur at Beaverdam Fire Department; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, North Asheville Library, 1030 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28804, will be the new voting location for Precinct 27.2; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-13

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #34.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 34.1 is Lakeview Senior Center, 401 Laurel Circle Dr, Black Mountain, NC 28711; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 34.1 will cease to occur at Lakeview Senior Center; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Black Mountain Library, 105 N Dougherty Str, Black Mountain, NC 28711, will be the new voting location for Precinct 34.1; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-14

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #35.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 35.1 is Black Mountain Montessori, 101 Carver Ave, Black Mountain, NC 28711; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 35.1 will cease to occur at Black Mountain Montessori; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, St. James Episcopal Church, 424 W State St, Black Mountain, NC 28711, will be the new voting location for Precinct 35.1; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-15

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #41.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 41.1 is French Broad Fire Department, 572 Fletcher Martin Rd, Alexander, NC 28701; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 41.1 will cease to occur at French Broad Fire Department; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Alexander Baptist Church, 1 Curtis Parker Rd, Alexander, NC 28701, will be the new voting location for Precinct 41.1; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Ofenia P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-16

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #60.2

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 60.2 is Reynolds Fire Department, 1 Charles Lytle Lane, Asheville, NC 28803; 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; and,

WHEREAS, the county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

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 60.2 will cease to occur at Reynolds Fire Department; and,

2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-128, Reynolds Middle School, 2 Rocket Drive, Asheville, NC 28803, will be the new voting location for Precinct 60.2; 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 and dispatched to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's decision on December 09, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chair, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 2025-17

BUNCOMBE COUNTY
OUT OF PRECINCT VOTING LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-130.1 provides that a county board of elections, by unanimous vote of all its members, may establish a voting place for a precinct that is located outside that precinct. The county board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.; and,

WHEREAS, any such transfers shall be effective only for one primary and election and must be reevaluated by the county board of elections and the Executive Director annually to determine whether it is still the only available alternative for that precinct.

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

1. Precinct 13.1 will vote at Calvary Baptist Church (531 Haywood Road, Asheville, NC 28806);
2. Precinct 23.2 will vote at Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church (100 Carroll Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801);
3. Precinct 23.3 will vote at Evergreen Charter School (50 Bell Road, Asheville, NC 28805);
4. Precinct 24.1 will vote at Crossroads Assembly (20 S. Bear Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28806);
5. Precinct 33.2 will vote at Black Mountain Primary (301 E. State Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711);
6. Precinct 36.1 will vote at First Baptist Church Black Mountain (130 Montreat Rd, Black Mountain, NC 28711);
7. Precinct 39.3 will vote at Fairview Community Center (1357 Charlotte Hwy, Fairview, NC 28730);
8. Precinct 43.2 will vote at Johnston School (230 Johnston Boulevard, Asheville, NC 28806);
9. Precinct 45.1 will vote at Enka Middle School (390 Asbury Road, Asheville, NC 28806);
10. Precinct 48.1 will vote at Hominy Valley Elementary School (450 Enka Lake Road, Candler, NC 28715);
11. Precinct 56.2 will vote at Skyland First Baptist Church (2115 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC 28704);
12. Precinct 60.4 will vote at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (801 Charlotte Highway, Fairview, NC 28730);
13. Precinct 61.1 will vote at Riceville Community Center (2251 Riceville Road, Asheville, NC 28805);

14. Precinct 69.1 will vote at Erwin High School (Lees Creek, Asheville, NC 28806);
15. Precinct 71.1 will vote at Weaverville Community Center (60 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville, NC 28787);
16. Precinct 681 will vote at Newfound Community Center (3 Morgan Branch Road, Leicester, NC 28748).

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections as consideration for the Board's unanimous decision on December 9, 2025.

Wenda P. Weinert

Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections