Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Attendance

Board Members	Election Services Staff
Glenda Weinert, Board Chair (in-person) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person)	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Gregg Teufel, MAT (in-person) Terry Rafinski, MAT (in person) Joyce Kanavel, Staff (in-person) Sasha Hetherington, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (in-person) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person)
8 virtual guests 0 in-person guests	Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting on March 2, 2026. Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to defer the minutes to a future meeting. Member Quinn moved to defer the minutes. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The Board will process absentee ballots tonight in preparation for Election Day tomorrow. Tonight, there will be a regular absentee meeting, then there is a pause while the absentee list is printed for certification. The list is then sent out tomorrow to all precincts in the morning. There is an oath for the chair, in triplicate. The oaths are uploaded with the lists to the State Board of Elections site this evening.
- Election Day is tomorrow, March 3 and the Board needs to be available starting at 6:00am. Polls close at 7:30 pm. If voters are in line at 7:30 pm, they can still vote.
- Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00 pm is the Photo ID Exception Form review meeting, if needed.

- Provisionals are being processed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Friday, March 6 at 1:00 pm is the meeting that includes the review of provisionals.
- Monday, March 9 at 10:00 am is the Sample Audit at 35 Woodfin St.
- Canvass will be Friday, March 13 at 11:00 am.

Item Four: Absentee Ballot Review

- Staff Member Aaron Bell presented 22 total absentee ballots to review, 16 civilian (CIV), five overseas (OVR) and one military (MIL). There was also one pending CIV ballot for Board review.
- The Board reviewed the ballots and signed the lists.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve 23 absentee ballots as presented and reviewed. Member Quinn moved to approve the 17 CIV, five OVR, and one MIL ballots as presented by staff. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Certified List of Approved Absentees

- Staff Member Bell presented the list of 714 approved CIV absentee ballots, 68 approved OVR absentee ballots, and seven approved MIL absentee ballots for a total of 789 absentee by mail approvals. The Board reviewed and signed the list.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the final list of absentee ballots. Member Stein made a motion to approve the list of 714 CIV, 68 OVR, and seven MIL absentee ballots for a total of 789 absentee by mail approvals. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Director Duncan administered the civilian oath to Chair Weinert. Chair Weinert signed, in triplicate, the oath for the certified list of all executed civilian ballots. Director Duncan notarized the oath.
- Director Duncan administered the military/overseas UOCAVA oath to Chair Weinert. Chair Weinert signed, in triplicate, the oath for the certified list of all executed military and overseas UOCAVA ballots. Director Duncan notarized the oath.
- Director Duncan informed the Board that the lists and oaths will be uploaded to the State Board for their records. The lists will also be delivered to precincts tomorrow morning by the Sheriff's Office.

Item Six: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is tomorrow, Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Blossman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with five in favor, zero opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 04/21/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 4/21/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 4/01/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 4/21/26

Sally Stein, Member 4/21/26

Jake Quinn, Member 4/21/26