Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 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) 2 virtual guests 5 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Nathaniel Speier, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney, Staff (remote) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Amy Broughton (Legal), in-person

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed in-person attendees and recognized the virtual attendees.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting on March 4, 2026. Member Blossman moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

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

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- There were very few issues yesterday on Election Day. The processes were smooth and fast, despite recent changes.
- The next meeting this Friday, March 6 at 1:00 pm will include voter challenges, supplemental absentees, and over 300 provisionals to process.
- The sample audit will be Monday, March 9 at 10:00 am. This is an open process. Random selections of two precincts for each county are being made by the State Board today at 1:00 pm.
- Lake Silver, a field representative for the State Auditor's office, stopped by the Election Services office yesterday and let us know that he was available if there are any election

issues. The State Auditor's office emailed Director Duncan for financial information for odd-year municipal elections, due by Friday, March 13. Chair Weinert requested a motion to request a two-week extension for the due date of financial information. Member Quinn so moved. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against. Director Duncan will forward the email to the Board.

Item Four: Photo ID Exception Form Review

- Staff Member Nathaniel Speier presented eight provisional envelopes for the Board to open as it was believed the photo ID exception forms were within the sealed provisional envelopes.
- The Board opened the envelopes, removed the photo ID exception forms where applicable and the envelopes were resealed by Staff Member Speier. Of the eight envelopes, only five had photo ID exception forms inside. Three provisional envelopes did not have photo ID exception forms inside.
- Staff Member Speier presented one provisional envelope for the Board to open as it was believed the provisional application was sealed inside. The Board opened the envelope and the provisional application was inside.
- 308 Provisional entries have been logged in the database for Early Voting and Election Day. There are several duplicate entries (at least three) so 305 provisional ballots are suspected. 194 provisionals have been processed so far. The Board discussed.
- Staff Member Speier presented 25 photo ID exception forms that staff recommended for approval. The Board reviewed the photo ID exception forms to confirm a valid reason was presented and that the form had been signed.
- Staff Member Speier presented one photo ID exception form where "Other reasonable impediment" was selected with the note "voter left wallet with photo ID at home and will provide to the BOE by March 6." The Board discussed.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to reject the photo ID exception form and instead have staff contact the voter and advise they need to bring their ID by noon on Friday, March 6. Member Quinn moved for the Board of Elections to disapprove the photo ID exception form and direct staff to contact the voter to bring their ID to the office by noon on Friday, March 6. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The Board took public comment from Cathy Walsh.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve 24 of the provisional photo ID exception forms reviewed. Member Stein moved to approve 24 photo ID exception forms for the provisional ballots presented today. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The provisional envelopes that these photo ID exception forms correspond with will be reviewed at the meeting on Friday, March 6.
- Director Duncan reported the State Auditor's office responded and they have granted the two-week extension that was requested.

Item Five: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Friday, March 6, 2026, at 1:00 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 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 4/21/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 4/21/26

Sally Stein, Member 4/21/26

Jake Quinn, Member 4/21/26