Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026 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, 5:51pm arrival) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 4 virtual guests 3 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Bria Bailey, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, Staff (in-person) Devin Whitney (remote) Buncombe County Staff: 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 as presented for this meeting. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.

Item Two: Minutes

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

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- The Sample Audit was on Monday, March 9th, both precincts that were randomly selected by the State Board of Elections, 55.1 and 59.1, were hand tallied and compared to machines counts. The hand tally matched the machine counts for both precincts and this information was reported to the State Board.
- Tomorrow is Canvass Day; this is the day the Board certifies the election to make the results official. The Canvass schedule and process were reviewed.

Item Four: Supplemental List of UOCAVA (mailed) Absentee Ballots

- Staff Member Aaron Bell presented one overseas UOCAVA absentee ballot to review.

- Chair Weinert requested a motion to approve the one supplemental UOCAVA absentee ballot as presented and reviewed. Secretary Braine so moved. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.
- Staff Member Bell presented a list of 181 late absentee ballots for disapproval (ballots returned after the deadline and cannot be counted). The information regarding late arrival by mail has been shared with the USPS and the State Board of Elections. The Board discussed and reviewed.
- The Board took public comment from Melissa Cole Essig.
- Member Blossman arrived at 5:51 pm.
- Staff Member Bell presented 10 more absentee ballots for disapproval (cure pending did not arrive on time, witness issues, uncurable, or voter voted a different way). In total, 191 absentee ballots were presented for disapproval. The Board reviewed.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to disapprove the 191 absentee ballots presented by staff. Secretary Braine so moved. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Staff Member Bell presented the supplemental absentee list of 24 overseas (OVR) and two military (MIL) ballots for the board to review and sign.
- Chair Wienert requested a motion to approve the 24 OVR and two MIL absentee ballots. Member Stein moved to approve the list of 24 OVR and two MIL absentee ballots. Member Quinn seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- Chair Weinert read the oath and Director Duncan notarized it.
- Staff Member Bria Bailey presented a supplemental abstract in triplicate with the results for the board to compare and review.
- The Board signed the supplemental abstract and Staff Member Bailey notarized it.

Item Five: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections Canvass meeting is Friday, March 13, 2026, at 11:00 am at 35 Woodfin Street, 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 6:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 4/21/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 4/21/26
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Approval date: 04/21/2026

Courtney Blossman 4/21/26

Courtney Blossman, Member

4/21/26

Sally Stein, Member

4/21/26

Jake Quinn, Member