Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 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) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 12 virtual guests 7 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Victoria Pickens, Staff (in-person) 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

- Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda as presented for this meeting. 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 meetings for March 2 (2:00 pm and 5:30 pm), March 3 (Election Day), March 4, March 6, March 12, and March 13 (Canvass), 2026. Member Quinn moved to approve all seven sets of minutes. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Corinne Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Victoria Pickens just celebrated her 18-year work anniversary with Election Services.
- Sally Stein passed her State Board of Elections Certified Board Member exam.
- The Board requested Human Resources (HR)/Budget information meeting is tentatively set for May 21 at 3:30 pm.
- Primary nomination letters have been mailed.
- Tim Love would like to meet with the facilities work group (Glenda Weinert and Sally Stein with Director Duncan) May 13 at 3:00 pm.

- The budget information requested by the State Auditor for odd-year municipal elections has been submitted. The next requests from the State Auditor for 2022 and 2024 General Election financials/budgets are in progress.
- Staff Member Nathaniel Speier is leaving Election Services on June 1. We are working with HR right now for the position of Candidate Coordinator.
- Staff Member Rachael Wonderlich is working on poll worker survey results to share with the Board at the next meeting.
- We participated in a regional panel with Principles First (non-partisan group) at Blueridge Community College in Henderson County. We are hosting a treasurer training in Black Mountain April 28. We are participating in the county's career fair April 23.
- The Board was asked to prioritize their initiatives that they would like to complete prior to September 1. A running list may be created and discussed/prioritized at the next meeting.

Item Four: FY2027 Budget Update

- Staff Member Victoria Pickens presented an updated FY2027 budget proposal based on the county's request to reduce the expansion budget by $50,000 (3%).
- The county's next budget meeting is a work session on April 28, with budget adoption June 2.
- A summary of what expansions were requested was presented, separated by what staff recommended not be reduced and by what staff recommended considering for reduction.
- The Board discussed.
- Deputy Director Neggy Fox presented information related to larger and/or additional Early Voting sites.
- Chair Weinert requested a motion to reduce the budget by $50,000 by aggregating the line items for larger Early Voting sites and the two additional Early Voting sites and then removing $50,000 from the line item total of $97,143. Member Stein moved to reduce the budget by $50,000 as requested by the county through reducing the proposed budgets for larger Early Voting sites and additional Early Voting sites (consolidate $30,000 and $67,143 and then take out $50,000 for a remaining total of $47,143). Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Provisional Deadline Letter to NC General Assembly

- Director Duncan presented a proposed letter the Board could sign and send to the five total State Legislators and Senators for Buncombe County requesting an extension of the Provisional deadline from three days to five days.
- The Board discussed.
- Member Blossman moved to accept the proposed letter as presented and send it to the local representatives. Member Stein seconded. Secretary Braine continued discussion. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Six: Badge Access Resolution Review

- Director Duncan presented a request from a Board Member to gain badge access to the board room and the second floor election services offices during normal business hours. This was confirmed as acceptable with the State Board of Elections with some guidelines

recommended, such as Board Members not directing staff. Staff can draft a resolution based on today's discussion for Board consideration at the next meeting on May 19.
- The Board discussed.

Item Seven: Voter Challenges Preliminary Hearing

- Deputy Director Neggy Fox explained the purpose of the preliminary hearing and presented 30 voter registration challenges, all of which are being challenged on the basis that the voter is deceased. Two of the 30 voters have since been removed as part of the normal list maintenance process.
- The Board reviewed the materials submitted by the challenger, Thomas Neubauer.
- Member Quinn moved to proceed to a full hearing for all thirty voter registration challenges that were presented. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.
- The full challenge hearing will take place at the May 19 meeting.

Item Eight: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Item Nine: Closed Session for personnel discussion

- Chair Weinert called for a motion to adjourn and go into closed session. Member Quinn moved to adjourn this meeting and moved to go into closed session per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried with five in favor, zero opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm. The board went into closed session at 5:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 05/19/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 5/19/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 5/19/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 5-19-26

Sally Stein, Member 5/19/26

Jake Quinn, Member 5/19/26