Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 1:22 pm on Thursday, May 28, 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, arrived at 1:25pm) Courtney Blossman, Member (in-person) Sally Stein, Member (in-person) Jake Quinn, Member (in-person) 6 virtual guests 1 in-person guest	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Buncombe County Staff: Samantha Kirk (CAPE), in-person Amy Broughton (Legal), in-person, arrived at 1:37pm

Welcome Visitors

- Chair Weinert welcomed attendees.

Item One: Approval of Agenda

- Member Quinn moved to approve the agenda as presented for today's meeting on May 28, 2026. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against. Secretary Braine had not arrived yet.

Item Two: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Director Duncan is presenting on Hurricane Helene at the Election Science Reform Administration (ESRA) conference in Phoenix, Arizona next week.
- In an effort to be better prepared for larger emergencies, the county has assigned each employee a role in emergency management. Election Services is part of the shelter team and will assist with shelter operations. It involves online Red Cross shelter training and special roles have additional training. There will also be in-person trainings.
- Secretary Braine arrived at 1:25pm.
- A facilities workgroup meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at Assistant County Manager Tim Love's request.
- The Early Voting plan survey has 534 submissions so far!

Item Three: Badge Access Resolution

- Director Duncan presented draft resolution 2026-03 for Board Member badge access to 35 Woodfin Street based on what the Board discussed at the meeting on May 19 with additional suggested edits. Chair Weinert also circulated a draft resolution with additional edits.
- The Board discussed the resolutions and their edits.
- Member Blossman moved to accept the resolution as just presented by Chair Weinert. Secretary Braine seconded. The floor was open for further discussion. The Board discussed.
- Member Blossman moved to end discussion, call the previous question, and vote on the resolution as presented by Chair Weinert. Chair Weinert clarified the content of the resolution in question. Member Blossman rescinded the motion to vote on the resolution as presented by Chair Weinert, with agreement from Secretary Braine.
- Member Blossman moved to accept the draft of the resolution for Board access to Election Services facilities presented by Director Duncan. Secretary Braine seconded. Member Quinn called for discussion. The Board discussed.
- Member Blossman moved to call the question and vote on the version of the resolution presented by Director Duncan. The motion carried with three in favor (Member Blossman, Secretary Braine, and Chair Weinert) and two against (Members Quinn and Stein).
- The Board took public comment from Cathy Walsh.
- The Board signed the resolution.

Item Four: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 06/23/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 6/29/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 6/23/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 6/23/26

6/23/26

Sally Stein, Member

6/23/26

Jake Quinn, Member

Buncombe County Board of Elections
Resolution No. 2026-03

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBER ACCESS TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY ELECTION SERVICES FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the duties and powers of county boards of elections are governed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-33 and the authority of county boards of elections to appoint and supervise the county director of elections is governed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-35;

WHEREAS, Title 08, Chapter 4, Rule .0306(a) of the N.C. Admin. Code states, in relevant part:

"The chair of the county board of elections shall be responsible for the safekeeping, storage, maintenance and care of the voting system. The voting system shall be stored in a location such that access is restricted to county board of elections staff and the system cannot be tampered with when not in use on election day;"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Buncombe County Board of Elections Resolution No. 2023-10, "Under the general supervision of the Buncombe County Board of Elections" and "the Buncombe County Director of Elections shall be responsible for the duties listed below," the Buncombe County Board of Elections delegated certain statutory duties to the Director of Buncombe County Election Services, including but not limited to supervising the storage, maintenance, and testing of equipment, and supervising all Election Services employees;

WHEREAS, each member of the Buncombe County Board of Elections has been issued an identification badge that may be programmed to allow access to designated Buncombe County facilities; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill its duties under N.C. Gen. Stat § 163-33, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-35, 08 N.C. Admin. Code. 04 .0306(a), and the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding Between Buncombe County and the Buncombe County Board of Elections, the Buncombe County Board of Elections requests identification badge access to designated Buncombe County Election Services office space and board room (which are currently located at 35 Woodfin Street) in order to implement policies and protocols consistent with its statutory authority.

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

1. Each member of the Buncombe County Board of Elections ("Board Members") shall have the same level of identification badge access ("badge access") to facilities designated herein.

2. Each Board Member shall have badge access to the Basement Board Room ("Board Room") located at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801, when in use by Buncombe County Board of Elections.

3. Each Board Member shall have badge access to the Buncombe County Election Services ("Election Services") offices located on the west wing of the second floor at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801 during normal business hours when staff is present and shall have access to entrances used by staff.

    a. Board Members may observe, take notes, and report their findings to the Director of Election Services. Board Members shall not individually direct Election Services staff in the completion of their job duties. Staff, through the Director, shall notify the Chair if any Board Member engages in disruptive conduct while in the Election Services office. Board Members shall notify the Director, through the Chair, of any observations or concerns.

    b. Board Members shall not access or attempt to access Election Services staff filing cabinets, desk drawers, computers, or other electronic devices within Election Services office space unless the Director has been asked to provide this access.

    c. Board Members shall not knowingly view or attempt to view data in the Statewide Elections Information Management System (SEIMS) without staff present. Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of the Buncombe County Board of Elections as a whole to exercise its authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-33.

4. High security spaces include the warehouse and areas which require badge access and a code to enter. Board Members may access high security spaces only in bipartisan pairs when at least one Election Services staff member is present. Badge access is not included for these locations.

5. Board Members are aware that identification badge usage by all individuals with a Buncombe County identification badge is recorded and monitored by Buncombe County.

6. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This 28th day of May, 2026.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 5/28/26

Courtney Blossman, Member 5/28/26

Jake Quinn, Member 5/28/26

Sally Stein, Member 5/28/26