Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:32 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 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 (absent) Jake Quinn, Member (remote) 18 virtual guests 15 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person) 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

- Member Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the meeting for June 29, 2026 as presented. Secretary Braine seconded. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Candidate Coordinator position interviews are in process.
- Candidate filing for Soil and Water is closed and had a total of 4 notices of candidacy filed. Black Mountain and Montreat candidate filing is under way. Filing ends at noon on Friday, July 17. You can see the candidate filed list online.
- State Board of Elections Conference is August 9-11, 2026.
- Election Board Association of North Carolina dues have been paid for the year.
- The Early Voting plan for the General has been submitted to the State Board of Elections.

- Chair Weinert called for discussion around Sunday being available for Early Voting. Director Duncan confirmed that weekend voting is optional and at the Board's discretion. The Board discussed.

Item Four: Voting Location Changes

- Staff Member Ryan Oliver informed the Board of a potential voting location change for Election Day precinct 60.4 from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. The church is changing ownership and should be able to accommodate voting this fall but they will know for sure by early August. The alternative voting location identified in precinct is AC Reynolds High School. If unable to return to Abiding Savior, the Board will be notified at the next meeting.
- The Board discussed.
- Chair Weinert called for a motion to approve the staff recommendation to move forward with a potential voting location change if needed. Secretary Braine so moved and Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Voter Challenges Preliminary Hearing

- Director Duncan explained the purpose of the preliminary hearing and presented 41 voter registration challenges, all of which are being challenged on the basis that the voter is deceased.
- The Board reviewed the materials submitted by the challenger, Thomas Neubauer.
- The Board discussed.
- Secretary Braine moved to proceed to a full evidentiary hearing on August 25 for all 41 voter registration challenges that were presented. Member Blossman seconded. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.
- The Board discussed the death list maintenance process.

Item Six: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Blossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with four in favor and zero against.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 08/25/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert 8/25/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair

Mary Ann Braine 8/25/26
Mary Ann Braine, Secretary

Courtney Blossman 8/25/26

Courtney Blossman, Member

Sally Stein, Member

Jake Quinn, Member