Buncombe County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Opening

A meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, September 15, 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) 2 virtual guests 13 in-person guests	Corinne Duncan, Director (in-person) Neggy Fox, Deputy Director (in-person) Gabrielle Corey, Staff (in-person) Ryan Oliver, Staff (in-person) Aaron Bell, 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 for today's meeting as presented. 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 meeting for August 25, 2026. Member Quinn so moved. Member Stein seconded. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Three: Office Updates

Director Duncan gave office updates including the following:

- Today is National Voter Registration Day! Register via the paper form (mail or bring in person) or register via the DMV. Deadline to register is October 9. Same-day registration is available during Early Voting.
- Poll observer and general info sessions were a success and well attended.
- Logic and Accuracy Testing started yesterday, September 14.
- Early Voting poll worker training began yesterday, September 14 at AB Tech for the next two weeks. This will be followed by Election Day poll worker training.

- Staff Member Aaron Bell provided an Absentee update. Absentee voting has begun. As of this morning, this office has sent out 2,655 Civilian (CIV) ballots, 20 Military (MIL) ballots, and 475 Overseas (OVR) ballots, for a total of 3,150 ballots. We have already received 74 CIV, 4 MIL, and 98 OVR for 176 total ballots. We have completed 14 Multi-partisan Assistant Team (MAT) visits, with 33 more MAT visits scheduled. The Board discussed. Numbered Memos 2021-03 and 2020-23 have been updated by the NC State Board of Elections. The updates impact how the staff and the Board process some rare occurrences if voters do not follow instructions or make a mistake. Staff member Bell provided a summary of the changes. The Board discussed. The Board will begin processing absentee ballots at the next meeting on September 29 at 3:30pm.
- Deputy Director Fox asked the Board about Early Voting preferences for 2028 as it would impact budgeting, specifically regarding the mobile office and/or RV unit as options. The Board discussed. It was recommended to request funding for two mobile buildings in the budget.
- Staff Member Ryan Oliver discussed Logic and Accuracy testing that began yesterday at 50 Coxe. Staff took public comment. The Board discussed. The Board took public comment from Jan Black. Chair Weinert suggested the Board request information via email for the Board to agree to as a whole to share the STEPP manual.

Item Four: Resolution for Counting Absentee and Early Voting Ballots

- Director Duncan presented Resolution 2026-05 as required by General Statute to start counting absentee and Early Voting ballots on Election Day at 2:00 pm.
- Chair Weinert read the resolution aloud.
- The Board discussed the resolution.
- Member Quinn moved to approve the resolution after discussion. Member Stein seconded. The Board discussed. The motion carried with five in favor and zero against.

Item Five: Next Meeting Date

The next Board of Elections meeting is Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 3:30 pm at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

- Member Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Gabrielle Corey, Clerk

Approval date: 09/29/2026

Minutes approved by:

Glenda Weinert, Chair 9/29/26

Mary Ann Braine, Secretary 9/29/26

Courtney Blossman 9/29/26

Courtney Blossman, Member

Sally Stein 9/29/26

Sally Stein, Member

9/29/26

Jake Quinn, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

RESOLUTION FOR SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNTING ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-234(2), the county board of elections may begin counting absentee ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may begin counting all absentee ballots between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. upon the adoption of a resolution wherein the hour and place of counting absentee ballots shall be stated; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-182.2(a1) provides that Early Voting ballots cast under Part 5 of Article 14A of this Chapter shall be counted at the same time as mail-in absentee ballots cast under Article 20 or Article 21A of this Chapter are counted.

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

1. The Buncombe County Board of Elections shall meet and convene at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 3, 2026, in the Board Room at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina, for the purpose of counting military, overseas, and civilian absentee ballots, except those which may have been challenged according to law, and for the purpose of counting Early Voting ballots.

2. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

3. That a copy of this resolution shall be published once a week for two weeks prior to the election as required by law.

This 15th day of September 2026.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BY: Glenda P. Weinert 9/15/26
Glenda Weinert, Chair