

**Buncombe County Board of Elections
Asheville/Buncombe County Board of Elections**

Monitor Name: George Elam, Elaine Elam, and Aiden Carson in person

Date & Time: October 21, 2025 3:30 PM

Names of Board Members Attending:

Glenda Weinert, Chairman (R)	Mary Ann Braine, Secretary (R)
Jake Quinn, Board Member (D)	Sally Stein: Board Member (D)
Courtney Blossman, Board Member (R) was absent	

Names of Buncombe Co Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan, Director; Neggy Fox, Deputy Director; Gabrielle Corey, Administrative Coordinator and Clerk to the Board; Karen Rae, Recruiting and Outreach Coordinator and; Devin Whitney, Elections Technical Specialist; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Angelica Tyler County employee, Community Press Office and PIO Public Information Office

Location of Meeting: 35 Woodfin St., Asheville NC

Observers:

1 online observer. 6 in-person observers in total: 3 Democrats, 3 LWVAB

I. Approval of Agenda

Approved without objection.

II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10)

Approved without objection.

III. Office Updates –Corinne Duncan, Director

- There have been 78 Early Voters do far in the Municipal Election.
- Oct. 21 was the deadline for Absentee requests.
- Ms. Stein asked for a hiring update. Ms. Duncan said choice has been made for Absentee Coordinator and they are now waiting for County approval.
- Chair Weinert said that Dallas Woodhouse, the liaison for the NCSBOE, had contacted her for a future meeting. Also, the NC State Auditor will be contacting her. She was vague as to the reason for contact. She said she would pass on any information about the meetings to the Board.
- She said the NC State Auditor will be in town on the 6th for a meeting not associated with the BOE, and after that the Auditor and Liaison would be in contact with her.
- Nothing was said about other Board members being involved in that meeting.

- Later in the meeting, Mr. Quinn asked that electrical outlets be provided near the seats for the Board Members so they can plug in devices. Ms. Duncan will pass that along.

IV. Resolution Review - Corinne Duncan

- 3 of the previous Board's resolutions were passed out for consideration.
- 2025-06: Scanning and duplicating overseas ballots outside Board meetings.
- 2025-07: Staff doing write in tally outside Board meetings.
- 2025-08: Mismatched CIDs from the same household are ok if presented at the same Board meeting.
- Ms. Stein asked if the resolutions conflict with the new laws. Mr. Quinn said the resolutions were not new and should not be in conflict.
- A motion to approve the resolutions was made and was approved 4/0.

V. Absentee Ballot Review (G.S. § 163-230-1(f)) – Neggy Fox

- Ms. Fox handed out 4 civilian ballots for Board review, stating that makes 6 received so far.
- She went over the criteria the Board was to use in reviewing the ballots.
- She then passed out 3 overseas ballots.
- She explained the duplicating process for military and overseas ballots.
- 2 civilian ballots had were deficient, two members of the same household having signed each other's envelopes. Staff will contact the voters.
- A motion was made to accept 2 civilian ballots and 3 overseas ballots. Motion passed 4-0.
- Ms. Stein revisited the topic of the contact by Mr. Woodhouse. She asked if meetings with him would include Director Duncan, or if the meetings would be public.
- Chair Weinert said yesterday's conversation was the first she'd had with him and she did not know how the relationship was going to be with him. And that she would pass on information to the Board.
- Ms. Brain added that since the Auditor appointed the Liaison and, that the meeting would be between the Liaison and the Chair.

Recess: 4:20 pm

A closed session with the Attorney had been scheduled for 5:00 PM. Since the meeting was to end early, Chair Weinert called the Attorney to see if the meeting with him could be moved up to 4:30. He agreed so the Board updated the agenda and went into closed session.

VII. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, October 28, at 3:30 PM at **35 Woodfin Street basement Board room.**