

**Buncombe County Board of Elections  
Asheville/Buncombe County Board of Elections  
Pre-Canvass Meeting**

**Monitor Names:** Cheryl Williams

**Date & Time:** March 12, 2026, 5:30 PM

**Names of Board Members Attending:**

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

**Names of Buncombe Co Staff Attending:**

Corinne Duncan, Director; Gabrielle Corey, Elections Administrative Coordinator; Neggy Fox, Assistant Director; Aaron Bell, Absentee Coordinator; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Devin Whitney, Election Technical Specialist, Nathaniel Speier, Candidate Coordinator

**Location of Meeting:** 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville NC

**Observers:** 1 LWVAB, 1 Common Cause, 1 unknown

**I. Approval of Agenda –**

**II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10)**

**III. Office Updates – Corrine Duncan**

- The sample audit of precincts 55.1 and 59.1 went smoothly. Four Board Members attended.
  - The eye-hand count matched the machine tapes perfectly.
  - Results were uploaded to the State Board.
- Tomorrow is Canvass. The agenda will start with the voter challenges, then move to the presentation of audit results for provisional ballots, absentee ballots, early voting, and election day voting.
  - Ms. Bailey will conclude with a summary and printed copies of all results to be reviewed, If all results are satisfactory the copies will be signed and notarized.

#### **IV. Supplemental List of UOCAVA (mailed Absentee Ballots (G.S. § 163-258.12) – Aaron Bell**

- The deadline to receive mailed UOCAVA ballots was 5:00 pm today.
  - The results cannot be published because the Office only received one, a Military ballot that was approved 5/0
    - Ms. Bailey scanned the result and returned with the abstract.
- A total of 181 absentee ballots was received after 7:30 pm on Election Day.
  - Staff checked the post office box three time a day on March 3, then each day since.
  - Some but not all have postmarks.
    - 58 had no date but most with post marks were at least a week in advance of March 3.
    - One envelope dropped off at the office contained 2 ballots
  - Ms. Stein asked what education voters were receiving about the change in Post Office procedures for post marking.
    - Mr. Bell said he could not think of what more could be done.
      - The information is on the web and social media.
      - Mr. Quinn said he would let one party know about the issue. He also spoke with a reporter who did not seem interested in the issue.
      - Dr. Weinert said she would let the other party know.
        - Mr. Bell sent the information to the State Board.
  - An observer asked how many had post marks. Mr. Bell said about 112 of the 180 that were mailed.
  - Mr. Quinn also said that he would like to see statewide numbers for Absentee ballots without postmarks or postmarks well in advance of Election Day.
  - Ms. Stein said she would urge people to bring their Absentee ballots to the Office to be sure they are accepted.
  - Dr. Weinert said that 58 had no postmarks at all.
  - Ms. Duncan said that because it was a new deadline she mentioned it in every contact with media and press releases as well as in the candidate guides. The State Board also sent out information on the new deadline.
  - Ms. Braine wondered if staff could ask the County web master whether there was a way to highlight such information because the new website is not easy to navigate. She confirmed that it

was County staff and not Elections staff who manage the website.

- Dr. Weinert suggested a banner on the BOE website.
- Ms. Duncan agreed that the website could be improved.
- Mr. Quinn noted that of the 1609 Absentee ballots requested just over half (831) were returned of which 181 were disapproved (about 22 percent).
- The full list of 10 disapproved Absentee ballots included 1 that had a pending cure that was not completed in time and 4 were of ballots submitted by people who later voted in person. No mention of the remaining 5.
- A total of 26 supplemental Absentee ballots was approved (2 Military and 24 Overseas that were received in a timely manner).
- Ms. Duncan administered the oath to Dr. Weinert, then notarized the 3 copies of the signed results.
  - The one pending ballot was bagged.

**Adjourned at 6:05 pm**

**Next meeting Friday, March 13 at 11:00 am at 35 Woodfin St.**