

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

Monitor Names: George Elam, Elaine Elam

Date & Time: March 2, 2026, 2:00 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, Board Member (R)

Names of Buncombe Co Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan, Director; Gabrielle Corey, Elections Administrative Coordinator; Morgan Chance, Training Coordinator; Aaron Bell, Elections Coordinator; Bria Bailey, Elections Technical Specialist; Amy Broughton, County Attorney

Location of Meeting: 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville NC

Observers: 2 LWV in person, 1 Common Cause, 2 Dem

I. Approval of Agenda – approved by acclamation

II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10) Minutes for February 24, 2026, were approved by acclamation

III. Office Updates (Corinne Duncan)

- Early voting saw a record turnout, exceeding previous presidential Early Voting by over 4K votes.
- She said this was the most well run election with no issues and thanked the staff.
- For Election Day Voting will be from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. 80 locations with 450 workers. Voters in line by 7:30 can vote.
- 8 of the 80 voting locations/pcts, are changed from last time. Cards were mailed to those affected voters as to the location changes.
- Still need a photo ID and can still obtain one at Election Services from the office. No same day registration on ED. Unaffiliated voters may choose a party ballot style.
- The turnout numbers for EV and ED are approaching even numbers.
- At 5:30 pm another absentee meeting will convene to process mail in ballots that came in after the 2pm meeting.

- Sample ballots are online and help to speed up process. Curbside voting is available at all locations, and they are also able to help sight are hearing impaired voters.
- Ms. Stein asked about two memos from the SBOE on voter registration. She wants to discuss at another meeting. Her questions are: what is the Buncombe plan for printing registration forms, and what was the registration complaint filed to the SBOE. Ms, Duncan said the email from the State was vague. Only Early voting sees record turnout. Exceeding previous presidential by over 4K votes. Said this was the most well run with no issues Thanks to the staff. For Election Day Voting from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. 80 locations with 450 workers. Voters in line by 7:30 can vote. 8 of the 80 voting locations/pcts, are different. Cards were mailed to those affected voters as to the location changes. Still need a photo ID and can still obtain one at Election Services from office. No same day registration on ED. Unaffiliated voters may choose a party ballot style. The turnout numbers for EV and ED are approaching even numbers. At 5:30 pm another absentee meeting will convene to process mail in ballots that came in after the 2pm meeting. Sample ballots are online and help to speed up process. Curbside voting at all locations. Also able to help sight are hearing impaired voters. Sally asked about two memos from the SBOE on voter registration. Wants to discuss at another meeting. Re: what is Buncombe plan for printing registration forms, and what was the complaint filed to the SBOE. Corrine said the email from the State was vague, only stating the form N-17 was the form the state was not going to provide.

IV. Absentee Ballot Review (G.S. § 163-230.1(f)) – Aaron Bell

- There is only 1 ballot to be cured. It came in unsigned but had a notary signature.
- 8 ballots were reissued. There were 8 ballots pending Board approval due to issues.
- There were 2 military, 26 overseas, and 275 civilian ballots to review. There was one ballot that came in without a ballot inside, making the total Absentee Ballot count for today 302.
- The total count through today is 767.
- The Board members were paired with MAT Team members to create 5 bipartisan teams to review ballots.
- 302 ballots were approved 5/0.

V. Next Meeting Date later the same day -Monday, March 2, 5:30 pm at 35 Woodfin St.

Afternoon Session

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II. Minutes (G.S. § 143-318.10) N/A

III. Office Updates (Corinne Duncan)

- Corrine wants to get as much done today as possible to lessen the load for tomorrow.
- They will do a regular absentee meeting, then pause to print the absentee list. Then the Board will certify. Glenda will take the Oath.
- All Board members must be available at 6 am in case there is an issue. Board meets at 2 pm to process as many absentee ballots as possible before 7:30 pm. Then they will move to process EV.
- The Board will close out the DS 200's and sign off on the tapes from the voting machines.
- The process will be to work on the absentee ballots, then EV, then ED. The warehouse will be linked via video because both the warehouse and office must maintain a quorum. Two members of the Board can go to the warehouse if they choose.
- Election Day data is different in that it does not require a quorum. Different rules.

- Ms. Duncan said food available all day for Board and staff.
- She will do media updates 4 times during the day. At 10:30, 2:30, and 4:30 voter numbers will be displayed.
- Wednesday at 1 pm there will be a meeting to review photo exception forms if any. If necessary the voter can come to canvass for a hearing.
- Nate's team will be working feverishly to pull these on Election Day so as to be able to present to the Board on Friday. They used to have 8 days for this, now we have only 2 days. They've increased the team size to accommodate the short period.
- Mr. Quinn asked that the changes made to accommodate the new rules be documented.
- Dr. Weinert said the State Auditor will be here in a few weeks.
- Ms. Duncan said the provisionals on Friday could make for a very long meeting.
- Mr. Quinn mentioned a press release today from the State Board concerning the random audit .
- Ms. Duncan said canvass is on the 13th.

IV. Absentee Ballot Review (G.S. § 163-230.1(f)) – Aaron Bell

- There is 1 ballot pending Board approval tonight.
- There were 1 military, 5 overseas, and 17 civilian ballots to review.
- The total count through today is 789.
- 23 ballots were approved 5/0.

V. Preliminary Early Voting, Absentee, and Election Day Results (G.S. § 163.182.2, G.S. § 163-234)

- Aaron printed a list of all Absentee Ballots.
- Dr. Weinert took the oath to certify the civilian Absentee Ballots and signed.