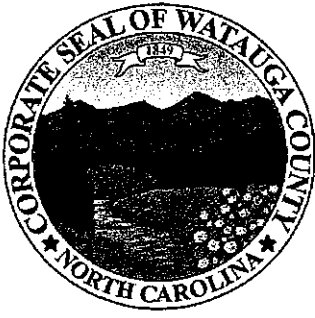




WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

County Courthouse 842 West King Street Boone, North Carolina 28607

County Board of Elections

The Watauga County Board of Elections will meet Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00p.m. in the County Court House located at 842 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607. This meeting is open to the public.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 846 2104 2680

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OR CALL IN

(646) 931 3860

February 17, 2026

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2026
4. NEW REGISTRATIONS AND STATISTICS
5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE ENVELOPES
7. ADJOURNMENT



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The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse at 842 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607. Board Members in attendance were Members Leta Councill, Elaine Rothenberg, Pam Cline and Secretary Terry Cirone. As Chairman Perry Yates was unable to attend, Secretary Cirone filled in as Acting Chairman. Also attending: Elections Director Matt Snyder and Deputy Director Donna Houck.

February 17, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Terry Cirone called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 10, 2026

Member Councill moved to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026, meeting which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.

4. NEW REGISTRATIONS AND STATISTICS

There were seven (7) new registrations from January 13, 2026, to February 10, 2026. These were same day registrations. There are a total of 44,545 voters in Watauga County of which 38,135 are active. Member Councill made a motion to accept the report, pending review, and the motion was seconded by Member Rothenberg. The motion passed 4-0.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Snyder provided the following information:

- At the start of early voting period, one of the voting machines had the date of February 4 instead of February 12. The problem was eventually resolved. There have been no other issues that have been reported during the first week of early voting.
- The BOE now has permission from Watauga County Schools to use Parkway, Green Valley, Mabel and WHS gyms as emergency Election Day back up sites.
- A new DS300 was received by Staff to replace the malfunctioning machine identified during L&A testing. It passed acceptance and L&A testing and will be used on Election Day.
- There was a brief discussion concerning whether the BOE should follow Watauga County's severe weather schedule for early voting and Election Day scheduling purposes. The Board agreed to follow the Watauga County severe weather schedule in instances where it is prudent.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE ENVELOPES

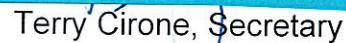
There were twenty-six (26) civilian ballots and seven (7) overseas ballots for a total of thirty-three (33) ballots that were received by Staff. There were also eleven (11) ID exception forms that were received by Staff and reviewed by the Board. Member Council made a motion for acceptance of all the ID exceptions which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no discussion and the motion passed 4-0.

A motion to then approve all ballots received and to accept the cumulative number of thirty-nine (39) as provided by the DS300 and was made by Member Rothenberg and seconded by Member Council. There was no discussion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

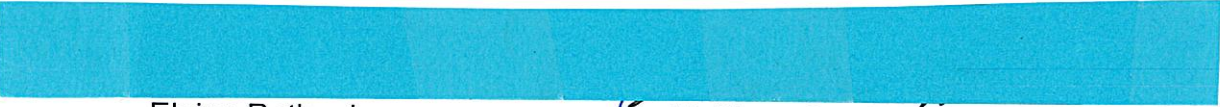
Member Rothenberg made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Member Cline. The motion passed 4-0.

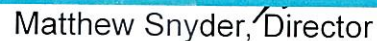

Perry Yates, Chairman


Terry Cirone, Secretary


Pam Cline, Member


Leta Council, Member


Elaine Rothenberg


Matthew Snyder, Director