



WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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County Board of Elections

The Watauga County Board of Elections had an emergency meeting via Zoom on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Board Members in attendance were Members Leta Council, 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.

February 20, 2026

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Terry Cirone called the meeting to order.

2. DISCUSSION OF DELAYED OPENING FOR EARLY VOTING SITES ON MONDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Director Snyder discussed the concerns of the hazardous weather on Monday, February 23rd. Winter storm warnings indicate the chance of snow, ice and bitter cold. Based on that he recommended that the early voting sites operate on a two-hour delay to allow for travel during daylight. A brief discussion followed. Member Cline then made a motion that the Watauga County early voting sites operate on a two-hour delay and that Director Snyder issue a public notice to that effect. The Board also will meet on an emergency basis as needed to discuss any further action necessary due to weather conditions as the winter storm progresses.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Member Council made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Member Cline. The motion passed 3-0.

Terry Cirone, Acting Chairperson

Pam Cline, Member

Leta Council, Member

Matthew Snyder, Director