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**MARCH 13, 2026**

## **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2026
4. EARLY VOTING BALLOT CHALLENGE
5. CANVASS REPORT
6. COUNTY CANVASS
7. ADJOURNMENT



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The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse at 842 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607. Board Members in attendance were Chairman Perry Yates, Members Leta Councill, Elaine Rothenberg, Pam Cline and Secretary Terry Cirone. Also attending: Elections Director Matt Snyder and Deputy Director Donna Houck.

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## MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yates called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 6, 2026

Member Rothenberg moved to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2026 meeting which was seconded by Member Cline. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. VOTER CHALLENGE HEARING

The Board discussed a challenge to an Early Voting ballot due to address discrepancies. While voting during the Early Voting period, the voter had made the BOE aware that their address on file was not accurate and because of that they were issued a ballot for an incorrect jurisdiction (precinct). After reviewing the address, the BOE contacted the voter and offered them the opportunity to vote a Provisional ballot in the correct jurisdiction (precinct) which they did. The Provisional ballot was approved on March 6, 2026.

Secretary Cirone then made a motion for the BOE to uphold the challenge to remove the Early Voting ballot from the totals while ensuring the voter's Provisional Ballot was counted in the correct jurisdiction (precinct). The motion passed 5-0.

5. CANVASS REPORT

As Director Snyder had previously reported, there was a Provisional ballot put in an Election Day tabulator. The Provisional ballot was approved. For purposes of Election Day voter history, a plus one (1) was noted and a minus one (1) Provisional voter history was noted. Director Snyder reported that despite some concerns for the possibility of severe weather Election Day went smoothly for the most part without any significant concerns or issues. The election equipment (tabulators and BOD) worked well. A big thank you was given to all those who contributed to the successful election including election officials, candidates, other county departments and Board Members.

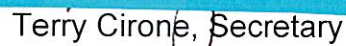
6. COUNTY CANVASS

Member Council made a motion to approve the Canvass for the March 3, 2026 Election which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no further discussion and the motion passed 5-0. Director Snyder then presented the Board with the Canvass documents for the Board to sign. There is an abstract cover sheet, an abstract for the contest total votes and an abstract that breaks the votes out by precinct. One copy of the signed abstract goes to the NCSBE, one copy is kept by the Watauga BOE and one copy goes to the Clerk of Superior Court. The BOE members then signed the documents.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Rothenberg made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Member Council. The motion passed 5-0.

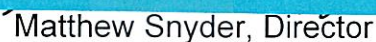
 Perry Yates, Chair

 Terry Cirone, Secretary

 Pam Cline, Member

 Leta Council, Member

 Elaine Rothenberg, Member

 Matthew Snyder, Director