



WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

County Courthouse ♦ 842 West King Street Boone, North Carolina 28607

MARCH 2, 2026

AGENDA

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The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.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 FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Member Councill moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026, meeting which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. NEW REGISTRATIONS AND STATISTICS

There were thirty-seven (37) new registrations from February 24, 2026, to March 2, 2026. These were same day registrations. There are a total of 44,503 voters in Watauga County of which 38,110 are active. Member Rothenberg made a motion to accept the report, pending review, and the motion was seconded by Secretary Cirone. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Snyder reported that early voting had been successfully completed with over 3,600 ballots being cast. All Election Day equipment pickup and delivery had been completed. BOD equipment will be utilized at the Brushy Fork and New River 2 election sites.

Election Day weather was discussed. Director Snyder reported that the County Emergency Management will be monitoring the weather for potential freezing rain conditions.

6. APPROVAL OF ELECTION DAY JUDGES AND ASSISTANTS

Director Snyder provided a list of Primary Election Day Chief Judges and Assistants for review. Member Councill made a motion to approve the provided list which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE ENVELOPES

There were thirty (30) civilian ballots, two (2) overseas ballots and one (1) military ballot for a total of thirty-three (33) ballots that were received by Staff. Out of the thirty (30) civilian ballots, six (6) had ID exception forms that were received by Staff and reviewed by the Board. After all Board members had reviewed the Exception Forms, Member Rothenberg made a motion for acceptance of all the ID exceptions which was seconded by Member Council. There was no discussion and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion to then approve all ballots received and to accept the cumulative number of ninety-one (91) as provided by the DS300 and was made by Member Rothenberg and seconded by Member Cline. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

8. 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

March 3 Primary		Updated 3/2/26	
Bald Mountain		4	
Stanbery	Hollie	Rep	Chief Judge/Pro
Norris	Charlotte	Rep	Judge/Greeter
Hicks	Benjamin	Una	Judge
Jones	Cheryl	Rep	OVRD
Beaver Dam		5	
Farthing	Brenda	Rep	Chief Judge/Pro
Guild	Jay	Rep	Judge
Irish	Mary	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Deal	Diane	Dem	Ballot Judge
Schooley	Miranda	Una	Ballot Judge
Blowing Rock		7	
Barfoot	Gwyn	Rep	Chief Judge/Pro
Campbell	Linda	Dem	Judge/Ballots
Gilliam	Charles	Rep	Judge
Miller	Aaron	Rep	Asst
Goff	Connie	Rep	OVRD/Pro
Weeks	Jim	Dem	Asst
Fitzwater	Ronald	Una	Asst
Shackelford	Adrian	Rep	OVRD
Blue Ridge		8	
D'Addurno	Holly	Dem	Chief Judge
Tolbert	Janice	Rep	Judge
Stumb	Margaret	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Chasteen	Kim	Rep	Pro
Headrick	Margaret	Rep	Asst/OVRD
Campbell	Lance	Una	Asst/Greet
Dollyhigh-kwong	Amber	Una	Judge/Ballot
Boone 1		6	
Hill	Sarah	Una	Chief Judge/Pro
Smith	Timothy	Rep	Judge
Cairns	Rebecca	Dem	Judge/Curbside
Fisher	Jim	Una	Asst/OVRD
Brooks	Sharon	Dem	Judge/Ballot
Prather	Jim	Dem	Asst /Greeter
Hamby	Kathy	Rep	OVRD
Boone 2		9	
Nesbitt	Peter	Una	Chief Judge

St Clair	Cameron	Una	Asst/OVRD
Tippett	Candace	Dem	Judge/Greeter
Eggers	Gloria	Rep	judge/Ballots
Bennett	Saniya	Una	OVRD
Ryberg	Kristen	Una	Judge/Ballots
Ethridge	Andrew	Una	Asst
Hollar	Melanie	Rep	OVRD
Sorrell	Stephen	Una	OVRD
Pharr	Angie	Una	Asst/Provisional
Brushy Fork		7 - Ballot on Demand	
Reid	Ray	Dem	Chief Judge
Arnette	Deborah	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Woods	Janet	Rep	Judge/Ballots
Winebarger	Kathy	Dem	OVRD/Pro
Firmin	Jonathan	Una	Asst
Fox	Cynthia	Dem	Asst/OVRD
Vines	Pat	Dem	Judge/Ballots
Cove Creek		7	
Scott	Shana	Rep	Chief Judge
Lisenby	Donna	Una	Judge/OVRD/Pro
Flahart	Mark	Rep	Judge
Williams	Joel	Dem	Ballot Judge
Brown	Terri	Una	Asst
Britt	Mary	Una	Asst/OVRD
Middlesteadt	Laura	Una	Asst
Elk		5	
Hodges	Josh	Rep	Chief Judge
Koontz	Tracy	Una	OVRD
Sims	Levi		Stud Asst
Fuller	Beckie	Una	Judge/Ballots
Leavitt	Janette	Una	Asst/DS300
Laurel Creek		5	
Cheek	Rich	Dem	Chief Judge/Pro
Harmon	Kristin	Dem	Judge/Ballots
Hensley	Patti	Rep	Judge/OVRD
Snipes	Leslie	Una	Asst
Soto	Melissa	Una	Asst/OVRD
Meat Camp		7	
Street-Tobin	Sherry	Dem	Chief Judge/Pro
Norris	JD (Jearl)	Rep	Judge

Edwards	Sondra	Dem	Judge
Siegel	Paul	Una	Asst
Devitt	Paula	Rep	OVRD
Hayler	Myra	Una	Ovrd
Kerley	Wanda	Dem	Asst
Boone 3		5	
Lentz	Charles	Rep	Chief Judge
Johnson	Katharine	Dem	Judge/Ballots
Maddux	Connie	Dem	Judge/OVRD/Pro
Hartley	Debbie	Dem	Asst/OVRD
Arsenault	Lani	Dem	Asst/OVRD
New River 1		6	
Hartley	Audrey	Dem	Chief Judge/Pro
Moore	Rebecca	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Lentz	Debbie	Rep	Judge
Ball	Beth	Una	Asst/OVRD
Henson	Nicholas	Una	Asst/Greeter
Patella	Carmen	Dem	
NewRiver 2		7 BALLOT ON DEMAND	
Stroupe	Lee	Dem	Chief Judge
Cherry	Bob	Dem	Judge
Roberts	Joanna	Rep	Judge/Ballots
Trado	Melanie	Rep	OVRD
Todd	Becky	Una	Asst
Glaize	Alecia	Dem	OVRD
Benton	Peggy	Dem	OVRD/Pro
New River 3		7	
Greene	Ardease	Rep	Chief Judge/Pro
Campany	Kay	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Robinson	Susie	Rep	Judge
Logan	Katherine	Dem	Judge/Ballot
Moorman	Kathy	Dem	Asst
Gragg	Donna	Rep	Asst/OVRD
Stroyek	Sheri	Una	Asst/Pro
North Fork		3	
Nilles	Virginia	Dem	Chief Judge/Pro/C
Bolick	Frank	Rep	Judge
Walker	Bart	Rep	Judge/Ballots

Shawneehaw		5	
Boykin	Bill	Rep	Chief Judge
Searcy	David	Rep	Judge
Hypes	Lisa	Dem	Judge/OVRD/Pro
Moore	Sue	Dem	OVRD
Marcela	Mike	Dem	Ballot judge
Stony Fork		7	
Norris	Eddie	Rep	Chief Judge
Critcher	Jamie	Rep	Asst/Pro
Snotherly	Dawn	Dem	Judge/Ballots
Gill-Johnson	Sali	Dem	Judge/OVRD
Moretz	Peri	Una	Judge/OVRD
Weltz	Peggy	Una	Asst
Henries	Wanda	Rep	Asst
Watauga		8	
Noonan	Dennis	Dem	Chief Judge
Barry	Catherine	Rep	Judge/OVRD/Pro
Vilott	Maggie	Rep	Judge/OVRD
Brewer	Dave	Una	Judge/Ballot
Benfield	Floyd	Una	Asst/Greeter
Musilli	Susan	Una	Asst
Lawrence	Susan	Dem	Asst/OVRD
Berry	Debbie	Rep	asst
Beech Mountain		4	
Canella	Sharon	Dem	Chief Judge/OVRD
Pfohl	Fred	Dem	Judge
Dagleish	Dawn	Rep	Judge
Lunceford	Amy	Dem	OVRD/Prov
Transfer		5	
Mangum	Kathy	Dem	Chief Judge
Stock	Connie	Dem	Ovrd
Collins	Stephen	Una	Asst
Ellis	Larry	Una	Asst
Yates	Anne Marie	Rep	
Runner			
Moody	Steven	Una	Asst
Poulos	Stephen	Dem	Asst

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