



WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

MARCH 3, 2026

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The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:00 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 MARCH 2, 2026

Member Rothenberg moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026, meeting which was seconded by Member Cline. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Snyder reported that Election Day voting had had a normal start with the usual issues that were quickly addressed. There were relatively few calls to the BOE office. There was one issue at the Cove Creek polling location involving the Chief Judge having to leave to address a family health issue. This was remedied by having one of the Judges at the site move up to the Chief Judge position and moving up other poll workers to cover where necessary.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE ENVELOPES

There were four (4) civilian ballots and one (1) overseas ballot received by staff. A motion to approve the ballots received was made by Secretary Cirone and seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

6. RECESS MEETING

Secretary Cirone made a motion to recess the meeting which was seconded by Member Council. The motion passed 5-0. The Board then came back into session to address additional business

7. TABULATION OF APPROVED ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED BY 7:30

There were an additional three (3) civilian ballots received by staff by the 7:30 PM deadline. A motion to then approve all ballots received and to accept the cumulative number of ninety-nine

(99) 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. APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE ABSTRACT

The absentee ballot abstract was completed. Member Rothenberg made a motion to approve the absentee ballot abstract which was seconded by Member Cline. There was no discussion, and the motion passed 5-0.

9. TABULATE RESULTS FROM EARLY VOTING

The six (6) early voting polls were closed and the votes tabulated.

10. REVIEW OF PHOTO ID EXCEPTION AFFIDAVIT FORMS FROM ELECTION DAY

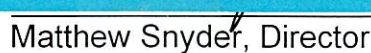
There was one (1) photo exception affidavit form from election day to review. There was a significant discussion concerning the term "other reasonable impediment" and the voter's response. Director then offered to contact the NCSBE legal team for added guidance which was accepted by all Board Members.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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


Perry Yates, Chair
Terry Cirone, Secretary
Pam Cline, Member
Leta Council, Member
Elaine Rothenberg, Member
Matthew Snyder, Director