

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AGENDA for August 20, 2019
5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Welcome of Visitors
 - III. Approval of Minutes
 - IV. Consideration of Election Official submissions/appointments
 - V. Temporary Voting Location Changes and Out of Precinct Voting Locations
 - VI. General Office Update—SBOE workshops and Photo ID's
- Other Business

Tuesday, August 20th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
Jeff Rose	828-333-2595
Janet Burhoe-Jones	337-4718
Robert Jordan	299-4408
Tom Cannon	778-7166
Charlie Brown	504-906-9874
George & Elaine Elson	406-261-5593
Phoebe Watson	828-275-4415
George Keller	828 712 1711
Tom SULLIVAN	828-242-8703
Debra Dean	828-250-2130
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Buncombe County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

Opening

The scheduled meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:34 pm on August 20, 2019 at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Present

Board Members-

Jake Quinn, Chairman
Elizabeth Newman, Secretary
Linda Block
Stephen G. Duncan
Jay Watson

BOE Staff-

Trena Velez, Director
John Noce
Kevin Roberts
Joyce Kanavel

Visitors-

(See attached)

Item One – Welcome Visitors

Item Two – Approval of Minutes

- Chairman Quinn requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 9th, 2019. Member Watson moved to approve. Member Duncan seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Item Three – Consideration of Election Official Submissions

- Chairman Quinn explained the submission process for election official appointment and thanked the staff and political parties for their efforts collecting names for submission.
- Staff member Noce presented a list of the precinct chair nominees as well as a flow chart illustrating the selection process.
- Member Watson asked whether there were recommendations which the staff had issues with, and Staff Member Noce answered that some submissions were in this category and these names were not considered. Director Velez commended the political parties for an improvement on submitting names in a timely manner and Chairman Quinn agreed. Chairman Quinn notified the political parties that they can still submit names for unfilled spots and Director Velez reminded all that these nominations are for a two year term.

- Chairman Quinn requested a motion to approve the submissions as is. Member Watson moved to approve. Member Duncan seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Item Four- Temporary Voting Location Changes and Out of Precinct Voting Locations

- Staff member Roberts presented a summary of resolutions for temporary precinct voting location changes and out of precinct voting locations.
- Out of precinct voting locations presented were Erwin Hills 69.1, and 71.1 Weaverville United Methodist Church.
- Temporary moves presented were 41.1 moving to 69.1 due to the low number of voters and 58.1 to 68.1 due to construction.
- After inquiry from Member Block, Staff Member Roberts and Director Velez explained how voters are notified of precinct changes by mail as well as advertising and that signs are placed at the old and new locations. Voters at these locations have undergone these same moves previously. Director Velez also mentioned that these changes must additionally be approved by the State Board.
- Member Duncan requested grammatical changes to the resolutions.
- Chairman Quinn requested a motion to approve the resolutions. Member Block moved to approve. Secretary Newman seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Item Five – Office Update: SBOE Workshops and Photo ID's

- Director Velez announced that the State Board of Elections is holding a seminar on Photo ID August 28th at 2 pm and 6 pm on the AB Tech Campus. A formal request to bring ID machines outside of the office at 77 McDowell, as required by the State Board of Elections, was made. Chairman Quinn requested a motion to allow staff to transport the photo ID machine anywhere needed to facilitate production of IDs as the staff sees fit. Member Watson moved to approve. Member Block seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.
- Director Velez announced the opportunity for rental of a space in the Asheville Mall for a satellite location throughout 2020. Taking advantage of this opportunity would alleviate space constraints at 77 McDowell and provide better access to voters. Director Velez shared that the budget allows for the opportunity and a contract is being drawn. Chairman Quinn requested a motion to proceed exploring the concept of securing a satellite site at the Asheville Mall. Secretary Newman moved to approve. Member Duncan seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.
- Director Velez shared that construction at 50 Coxe Ave was well underway. Chairman Quinn requested a tour of the building when possible. Director Trena also reported that a request to remove walls at 77 McDowell was denied.

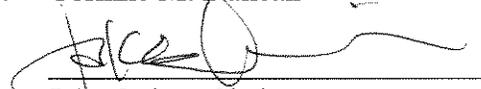
Item Six – Other Business:

Director Velez updated the Board on the State Board of Elections 2020 Precinct Project. There is an October 1st deadline to respond to suggested changes or to suggest other changes if necessary.

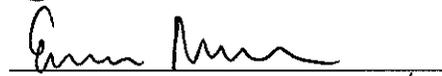
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on September 24th, 2019, at 77 McDowell Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne M. Duncan

Approved by:



Jake Quinn, Chairman



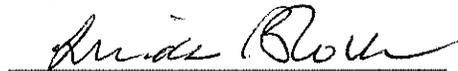
Elizabeth Newman, Secretary



Jay Watson, Member



Stephen G. Duncan, Member



Linda Block, Member

RESOLUTION 08202019A

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #69.1 OUTSIDE PRECINCT BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the voters of Precinct 69.1 currently vote at 188 Erwin Hills Road, Asheville; and, is to remain pending Board approval.

WHEREAS, no other public or private organization is available to serve as a voting location in Precinct 69.1; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163A-1048 provides that a county Board of elections, by unanimous vote of all its members, may establish a voting place for a precinct that is located outside that precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions of General Statute 163-130.1 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) can be demonstrated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163A-1048, Erwin High School, 60 Lees Creek Road, Asheville; will remain the voting location for Precinct 69.1; and,
2. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163A shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections for consideration of the Board's unanimous decision on August 20, 2019.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 08202019B

MOVING LOCATION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY PRECINCT #71.1 OUTSIDE PRECINCT BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the voters of Precinct 71.1 currently vote at Weaverville UMC- Fellowship Center, 90 North Main Street, Weaverville; and, is to remain pending Board approval.

WHEREAS, no other public or private organization is available to serve as a voting location in Precinct 71.1; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163A-1048 provides that a county Board by unanimous action may establish a voting place for a precinct that is located outside that precinct; and,

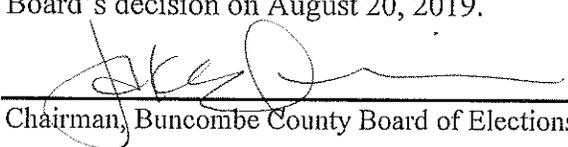
WHEREAS, the County Board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions of General Statute 163A-1048 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) can be demonstrated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163A-1048, Weaverville United Methodist Church-Fellowship Center, 90 North Main Street, Weaverville, will be remain the voting location for Precinct 71.1; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 163-166.4(b), political signs will not be permitted on the property of Weaverville United Methodist Church-Fellowship Center; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163A shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections for consideration of the Board's decision on August 20, 2019.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 08202019C

TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF VOTERS FOR PRECINCT #41.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 41.1 is French Broad Volunteer Fire Department, 572 Fletcher Martin Road, Alexander; and,

WHEREAS, as of today, only 11 voters in Precinct 41.1 are eligible to vote in the Weaverville / Woodfin Municipal Election; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163A-1049 provides that upon a resolution adopted by the County Board of Elections, voters from a given precinct may be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to an adjacent precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the county Board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. During the 2019 Weaverville / Woodfin Municipal Election, those voters living within the town limits of Woodfin and residing within Precinct 41.1 shall be temporarily transferred to Precinct 69.1 located at Erwin High School, 60 Lee's Creek Road, Asheville.
2. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163A shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections for consideration of the Board's decision on August 20, 2019.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

RESOLUTION 08202019D

TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF VOTERS FOR PRECINCT #58.1

WHEREAS, the current voting location for Precinct 58.1 is North Buncombe Middle School, 51 N Buncombe School Rd, Weaverville; and,

WHEREAS, as of today, only 220 voters in Precinct 58.1 are eligible to vote in the Weaverville / Woodfin Municipal Election and construction will be taking place during the 2019 Municipal Election on the area normally used for voting; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 163A-1049 provides that upon a resolution adopted by the County Board of Elections, voters from a given precinct may be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to an adjacent precinct; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board's proposal is subject to approval by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Buncombe County Board of Elections as follows:

1. During the 2019 Weaverville / Woodfin Municipal Election, those voters living within the town limits of Weaverville / Woodfin and residing within Precinct 58.1 shall be temporarily transferred to Precinct 71.1 located at Weaverville UMC- Fellowship Center, 90 N Main Street, Weaverville.
2. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163A shall be met.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective upon the date of its signing by the Board's Chairperson and dispatched to the State Board of Elections for consideration of the Board's decision on August 20, 2019.



Chairman, Buncombe County Board of Elections

Election Official Appointments

GS 163A-769 & 815-819

Parties submit names for nomination

- The two major political parties submit names no later than the Thursday before the appointment date.

CBE staff verifies nominees are registered voters of the county

- CBE staff compares lists of nominees to the voter registration database to ensure nominees are in fact registered voters of the county.

Nominees are presented to the CBE for Appointment to a 2 year term

- On the Tuesday, following the 3rd Monday in August

Criteria Used in Staff Recommendations

GS 163A-815 states that both parties submit names for the role of Chief Judge. The question then becomes, how to select from two nominees. In an effort to choose the best candidate, the CBE staff has used the following criteria:

1. When only one nominee exists, that nominee shall be the selection for Chief Judge (GS 163A-815(c)).
 - a. Exception of course if negative history.
2. When two nominees exist, preference will go to:
 - a. In-precinct over out of Precinct (based on GS 163A-815(c)).
 - b. Experience over new/inexperienced.
 - c. CBE and precinct staff experience with nominee (both good and bad).

This selection process was approved by the State Board in 2017.