

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
July 22, 2025

This is the first meeting of the Board for the 25/26 session. New Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

In attendance were members Thomas Luckadoo, Barry Cheney and new Board member R. Kelsey Williams. Member Felicia Culbreath-Setzer attended via phone.

The Oath of Office was administered by NC Chief District Court Judge Robert Mullinax, Jr.

Thomas Luckadoo nominated Barry Cheney to be the new Secretary. Cheney accepted, approved unanimously.

Board members reviewed and signed the Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Social Media policy was reviewed.

Minutes from 2/4/25 meeting were approved.

Duties of the Director of Elections were reviewed. There have been no changes since last year. Document was approved and signed.

Board discussed the moving of Precinct 26, Oakland Heights, from its current location in Resurrection Church on Clement Blvd., to new location in Oakland Heights Baptist Church, 808 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Hickory. Director Duncan pointed out that the new location is not within the boundaries of Precinct 26, but in Pct. 14. This is necessary as the office has been unable to find a suitable venue within Pct 26. This was cleared with the SBOE. Discussion followed. Resolution to move precinct was adopted unanimously.

Discussion of October 7, 2025 City of Hickory primary election. Resolution to Adopt Time for Counting of Absentee Ballots was discussed. These meetings will be held:

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am. An additional meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. This resolution was unanimously approved. After approval, Board decided to eliminate the Sept. 2 meeting, as ballots will not go out until Sept. 5.

The Early Voting Schedule was reviewed. One voting site will be utilized: Highland Rec. Center. Early voting to begin Thursday Sept 18, end Saturday October 4. 13 days total. Schedule approved by Board.

Resolution to temporarily transfer voters. 2 precincts with very few voters were identified: Pct. 17, 31 voters and Pct. 39 with 93 voters. Resolution is to transfer Pct. 17 voters to Pct. 26 and Pct. 39 voters to Pct. 36. Resolution will go to SBOE for approval. CBOE voted to adopt the resolution.

Discussion of November 4, 2025 Municipal General Election.

Resolution to Adopt Time for Counting Absentee Ballots considered. The times for these meetings will be: October 21 and 28 at 8:15 am, and November 7 at 5:00 pm. Resolution was approved by the Board.

Early Voting Schedule reviewed. Early voting to begin on Thurs. October 16, ending on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Total of 13 days. 2 locations will be utilized: Highland Rec. and Newton Main library. Schedule approved by Board.

Resolution to temporarily transfer voters discussed. 6 precincts with small numbers of voters have been identified: Pct 9, 21, 23, 24, 27 and 33. Range from 12 voters (21) to 570 voters (23). Board considers transferring voters in to better utilize personnel and funds. Plan submitted will transfer voters

<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
Pct 9	Pct 20
Pct 21	Pct 5
Pct 23	Pct 4
Pct 24	Pct 4
Pct 27	Pct 6
Pct 33	Pct 7

Board approved Resolution, will be sent to SBOE for approval.

Director Duncan discussed SBOE effort to update voter registration roles to include driver's license numbers or last 4 of Social Security number, in order to bring records in compliance with HAVA. The office will complete the first step of this process by August 15.

There being no other items of business, Chair Hood then adjourned the meeting at 12:26.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry Cheney, Secretary