

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
March 3, 2026

Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All members were present.

The Board approved the minutes from the meetings of March 2, 2026 and Emergency Meeting of March 3, 2026.

A voter challenge was considered:

-Voter David Anthony Dial cast a ballot on Feb. 12, then passed away on Feb. 21. Board voted to enter a challenge on his ballot which will be heard at Canvass on March 13th.

Dir. Duncan reported that one voter lodged a complaint that they received a ballot for the wrong party. Voter was told that ballot cannot be exchanged once ballot is issued.

Duncan informed Board that Pct. 24, at Mt. View Fire station may need to be changed. Currently voters are voting in a bay. Access is not the best. Hood suggested that office look into alternatives for the General election in November.

Cheney mentioned that he visited Pct. 39, NW, that morning. Room has been changed to a much smaller room. Duncan informed us that site forgot that an election was scheduled for today, and they reserved the usual site for another use. They promised that this would not occur again.

Board reviewed additional ballots received today.

1 ballot was not approved as it lacked required witnesses. Voter was contacted by office, informed he could vote at his site today or come into office to complete the witnesses, he declined.

1 Overseas ballot was re-marked. Voter never resided in the state, so 2 federal races were re-marked, 1 local race was omitted.

2 Military ballots and 4 Civilian ballots were approved.

At 5:13 PM, Board was declared in recess.

At 7:30 PM, Board was brought back into session.

Tabulators were closed. Tapes showed 104 and 141 ballots cast=245 total. This agrees with previous totals:

2/10	89	Totals from tabulators:	
2/17	50	Sherrils Ford	1,631
2/24	61	Newton Library A	1,811
3/2	<u>38</u>	Newton Library B	1,171
	238	Mt. View	1,711
3/3	<u>+7</u>	Conover Station	1,858
	245	Rec. Center A	1,476
		Rec. Center B	<u>1,475</u>
			11,133

Absentee abstracts were prepared and signed, 7 tapes were signed.

There being no other items of business, Chair Hood then adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Cheney and Luckadoo stayed to oversee election returns.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Cheney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned between the phrase "Respectfully submitted," and the typed name "Barry Cheney- Secretary".

Barry Cheney- Secretary