MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 20, 2026

1-Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. All members were present.

2-Minutes from 10/6 and 10/13 meetings were approved by Board.

3-Review of Absentee ballots.

119 Civilian ballots were reviewed. 2 Ballots were returned in wrong envelopes, husband and wife swapped envelopes. These ballots will be spoiled and new ballots will be issued to voters. Board voted to approve remaining 117 ballots. Envelopes opened, fed into tabulator.

14 Overseas ballots were reviewed and approved, tabulated.

3 Military ballots were reviewed and approved, tabulated.

117
+14
+ 3
134

Previously received 489 ballots, 134 approved today for total of 623 ballots.
Machine counts: 325 (#1) and 298 (#2)= 623.

Office received 2 ballot challenges:

Robin Alleman, ballot mailed out Sept. 22nd, returned in person Sept. 29th. Voter registered in Madison Co. the same day. SBOE removed voter from our registration rolls. Board voted to proceed with challenge, to be heard on canvass November 13, 2026.

Marie Gouge, ballot returned Oct. 5th, deceased on Oct. 10th. Board voted to proceed with challenge.

There being no other business, Chair Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Cheney- Secretary

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