MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
October 27, 2026

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

2-Minutes from 10/20 meeting were approved by Board.

3-Review of Absentee ballots.

183 Civilian ballots were reviewed. Board voted to approve all ballots. Envelopes opened, fed into tabulator.

24 Overseas ballots were reviewed and approved, tabulated.

7 Military ballots were reviewed and approved, tabulated.

183
+24
+ 7
214 ballots today

Previously received 623 ballots, 214 approved today for total of 837 ballots.
Machine counts: 423 (#1) and 414 (#2)= 837.

Board considered list of 13 judges who resigned, due to various issues: work, family, illness...and their replacements. Board approved all replacements as presented.

Office received 1 ballot challenge:

Voter voted at Abernathy Laurels on 9/23, Board approved the ballot on 9/29. Then voter voted again during early voting. Poll worker mistakenly let voter cast ballot, office caught error. Voter contacted, she didn't remember voting at Abernathy Laurels. Board voted to proceed with challenge, to be heard on canvass November 13, 2026.

There being no other business, Chair Hood adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney

Barry Cheney- Secretary