MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 10, 2026

Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Member Culbreath-Setzer absent. Purpose of meeting is to review provisional ballots.

Minutes from 11/3/26 meeting were approved by Board.

Dir. Duncan reported that there were a total of 391 provisional ballots.
Office recommended that the Board not approve 166 ballots, accept 3 ballots partially and completely approve the remaining 222.
222 + 3 = 225 to approve. Board has previously approved 63 at earlier meetings, leaving 162 to approve today.
1 Provisional ballot was inserted into DS300 without a "P" identification on ballot. Therefore there is no ability to retrieve the ballot. This was an error by the judge.
This leaves 161 ballots to approve.

The Board first discussed the 166 ballots not approved. Chair Hood pointed out the various reasons for not accepting ballots: voter did not provide ID or exception form, voter not registered, voter has moved, registered after deadline.
9 Voters did not provide ID when voting. Office attempted to contact all voters, have them provide ID. 5 Voters did provide ID, ballots were counted. Remaining 4 did not provide ID.

Board inspected the provisional envelopes of those recommended to be approved. Board then approved those 161 ballots.

Board inspected envelopes of those recommended to not be approved. Board voted to reject the 166 ballots as recommended.

The 3 ballots that were recommended to be partially counted were re-marked. These are voters who voted in the wrong precinct.

Board discussed 5 challenges. Three additional voters expired before November 3. Board voted to authorize Hood to initiate a challenge to these voters, to be heard at canvass on Nov. 13.
2 Voters are currently under a felony conviction or parole or probation. Board voted to authorize a challenge to both.
Office will attempt to get notice to all 5 voters.

Other business: Duncan discussed request from Pct. 39-Northwest that we allow them to ban political signs from the property. Church mentioned that signs are left long after election day. Board mentioned that we have 2 other sites where signs are banned. Board approved change to disallow signs at that site.

Ballots were fed into tabulator. Board voted to close polls. Count is 161.

Discussion of complaint regarding voter who was denied provisional ballot and forced to change precincts twice. Duncan said matter has been referred to SBOE. She clarified that all poll workers are trained to always offer voter a provisional ballot. She has not contacted judges at this point.