

CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Date: January 12, 2026

Meeting Time: 12:30 pm

Meeting Place: Cabarrus County Board of Elections

Members Present: Jay White----- Chairman

Martin Ericson----- Secretary

Sophia Wilkerson --- Member

Tyler Norris ----- Member

Avis Edmond ----- Member

Also present: Carol Link Soles----- Director

Todd Shanley ----- County Chief of Staff

Kyle Bilafer ----- Assistant County Manager

Jim Quick----- Cabarrus County Republican Party

Cheryl Demaio----- Democracy NC

Allison Binder ----- League of Women Voters

Jo Bocko----- Cabarrus County Democrat Party

Jay White, Chairman, called the meeting of the Board of Elections to order. The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

Wilkerson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Board approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the location of the in lieu early voting site for the March 3, 2026 election. Various locations were explored without finding a location that would be suitable and available. The Board discussed the importance of securing suitable sites for future elections such as the EMS building on Cabarrus Ave and the Afton Ridge Library/Senior Center. The Board requested that dates for future primary and general election be sent to Mr. Shanley and Mr. Bilafer to secure these locations for early voting. The Board would notify the County within a reasonable time before an election if the location is not necessary.

Edmond made a motion to approve the December 22, 2025 meeting minutes. The Board approved unanimously.

Ericson made a motion to appoint the attached list of early voting workers for the March 3, 2026 election. The Board approved unanimously. The list was emailed to both party chairs by email on December 16, 2025 and forwarded to the new Republican party chairman, Jim Quick on December 23, 2025.

Soles presented the MAT certifications for the Chairman's signature. These are two-year appointments for those who have received in person training and read MAT manuals.

Ericson discussed training due to discrepancies in a presentation he attended recently. No motion was made and no vote taken by the Board.

Norris made a motion to approve absentee meetings schedule for the March 3, 2026 election as presented. The Board approved unanimously.

Ericson made a motion to send the attached letter to NC Representative Almond regarding the limited time provided by statute for processing provisional ballots. The Board approved unanimously.

The Board discussed logic and accuracy testing protocols of equipment prior to an election coupled with the desire to give as much notice to the public of this testing. The difficulties in being able to provide a long notice window arises from not knowing when the coding needed to conduct the testing will be received and the election date is known; that

historically the receipt of the coding and the election start date is a short window. Soles will email the notice of testing to the Board, party chairmen and local media in addition to posting on the website and at the office.

Norris made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 pm. The Board approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 12:00 pm by phone.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Ericson, Secretary