

CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Meeting Place: Cabarrus County Board of Elections

Members Present: Jay White----- Chairman
 Martin Ericson----- Secretary- by phone
 Avis Edmond-----Member
 Sophia Wilkerson --- Member
 Tyler Norris ----- Member

Also present: Carol Link Soles----- Director
 Johanna Bocko----- Cabarrus County Democrat Party
 Allison Binder -----League of Women Voters

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.

Norris made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. The Board approved unanimously.

Wilkerson made a motion to approve the attached absentee ballot applications. The Board approved unanimously. The Board duplicated 7 OVR and 1 MIL of the attached absentees by following the procedures and security outlined in procedures for counting electronically transmitted ballots which the Board adopted. 10 CIV ballots, 7 OVR and 1 MIL were read into the DS850. The total ballot count for mailed in Absentees to date is 18.

Soles informed the Board about the new dates for the SBOE conference – Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6.

She also made the Board aware of the death of Kim DeLaney, Democrat candidate for NC House District 73. Ballots have already been printed and are being sent out for absentees. NCGS §163-112(b) governs and the remaining candidate will be certified as the party's nominee. Any votes cast for Ms. DeLaney will not be counted. There will be an official statement included with the results. The State Board will come up with the content of the statement. The State Board will also modify the candidate's names in our election coding so that the results reports that we import will identify them as Thomas J. Monks, nominee and Kim DeLaney, deceased with all contest results zeroed out. The Canvass results will contain a statement like the one for the Election Night results.

Republican needs for reserves. Had 70 reserves – only 14 Republicans. Placed 11 of them and 1 backed out leaving only 1 Republican. I sent an email to the Republican party chairman.

Norris made a motion to adjourn at 5:34 pm. The Board approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be a mandatory absentee meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Ericson, Secretary