

Standard Meeting

**Members Present** - Bill Thompson, Betsy Swift, Roy Osborn, Wes Hanemayer, Jay Pavey

**Meeting called to order**- Bill Thompson at 10:02 AM, Jay led Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment.** Bill detailed the rules of public comment. 3 minutes per speaker. Two individuals provided comments. Comments completed at 10:06 AM.

**Agenda was approved.** 01/05/2026 Roy moved to accept. Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote yes.

**Minutes from BOE meeting on 12/09/2025 approved.** Jay moved to accept. Betsy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote yes.

**Directors Report.** Amanda reviewed the below items.

- (1) BOE staff focused on the upcoming March 2026 Primary, with the key activities:
  - (a) Absentee ballot portal is now open
  - (b) Ballots are being proofed, with sample ballots provided to the board
  - (c) Training of MAT and poll workers
  - (d) Firming up the schedule of activities leading up to the primary
  - (e) Voter registration sign up events
  - (f) Voter photo IDs provided to legal voters
- (2) Key activity with a partner at WCU with the CCESL holding registration activities included with voter education.
- (3) State board meeting to review Jackson County Early voting site decision set for 1/13/2026 in Raleigh.

**Primary Calendar Review.** Following is the calendar as presented and reviewed.

- 1/12 - Absentee ballot distribution must begin
- 1/15, 1pm - Tentative Board Meeting pending SBE meeting outcome
- 1/16 - Provide notice of adoption of resolution establishing, altering, discontinuing, or creating a precinct or voting place ^ (provide notice by 1/30)
- 1/26-27, xx times - Winter 2026 SBE Virtual Conference
- 1/27, 1pm - Absentee Meeting #1\*
- 1/27-28, xx times - Logic & Accuracy Testing
- 2/2 - Deadline to give notice of buffer zone/electioneering area
- 2/3, 1pm time - Absentee Meeting #2\*
- 2/10, 1pm time - Absentee Meeting #3\*
- 2/12 - 2/28 - Early Voting (M-F polls open 8am-7:30pm, S 8am-3pm)
- 2/17, 1pm time - Absentee Meeting #4\*
- 2/24, 1pm time - Absentee Meeting #5\*
- 3/2, 5 pm - Absentee Meeting
- 3/3 - Election Day
  - Polls Open 6:30am-7:30pm
  - Earlier Absentee Meeting -??
  - Absentee Meeting 5:00pm - 7:30pm\*
  - Close EV polls 7:30pm, collect materials, read/report results
- 3/6, 2pm - Supplemental Absentee & Provisional Meeting\*
- 3/9, 9am - Hand-to-Eye Sample Audit
- 3/13 - County Canvass
  - 9am - Supplemental UOCAVA Meeting\*
  - 11am - Canvass (MANDATORY attendance)

**Schedule Appointment of Precinct workers:** Board scheduled a vote to be held on 1/27/2026 to appointment Precinct workers. Wes 1<sup>st</sup>, Betsy 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous Vote Yes

**Absentee Meetings Schedule:** Board voted that all Absentee ballot review meetings will be held at 1:00 PM on the scheduled days. Wes 1<sup>st</sup>, Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimous Vote Yes.

Adopt Resolution for Early Tabulation of Absentee Ballots: Board adopted the existing time of beginning early tabulation of Absentee ballots will begin at 5:00 PM on 3/3/2026 will remain in effect. No vote required.

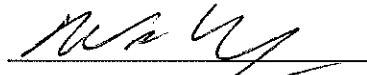
Appointment of Multi Partisan Assistance Team (MAT) Members: The following people have volunteered and participated in training for MAT activity.

- A. Patsy Allen, Rebecca Herbers, Sarah Hinnant, Ron Michaelis, Lynne Sneed
- B. Daniel Landa, Kylee Muench

Move to accept above appoints Roy 1<sup>st</sup>, Jay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous Vote yes

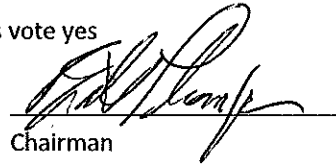
Tentative next meeting date 1/15/2026 10AM Wes 1<sup>st</sup>, Roy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous Vote Yes

Motion to adjourn. Jay motioned at 10:50 AM to adjourn, Wes 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote yes



Secretary

Wes Hanemayer



Chairman

Bill Thompson