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JUNE 9, 2026

AGENDA

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The Watauga County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Watauga County Administration Building located at 814 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607. Board Members in attendance were Chairman Perry Yates, Members Leta Councill, Elaine Rothenberg, Pam Cline (via Zoom) and Secretary Terry Cirone. Also attending: Elections Director Matt Snyder, Deputy Director Donna Houck, and County Attorney Nathan Miller.

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chairman Yates called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE
   All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 12, 2026
   Member Councill moved to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026, meeting which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. NEW REGISTRATIONS AND STATISTICS
   There were one hundred (100) new registrations from May 15th to June 6th, 2026. There are a total of 44,268 voters in Watauga County of which 37,663 are active. Secretary Cirone made a motion to accept the report, pending review, which was seconded by Member Councill. The motion passed 5-0.

5. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S.143-31811(a)(3)
   Member Councill made a motion for the Board to go into a Closed Session which was seconded by Member Councill. The motion passed 5-0. The Board members then went into a Closed Session. Upon returning from the Closed Session Member Councill made a motion to go back into the Open Session which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

6. MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA
   Member Rothenberg made motion to amend the agenda to allow for the un-tabling and review of the revised Resolution Requesting the North Carolina General Assembly Pass Legislation Extending Certain Election Deadlines. Member Cline seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Snyder provided an update on the following:

- The Cargo truck previously purchased has been delivered.
- No money has been budgeted for voter registration forms but the department can still provide them to individuals.
- Early Voting Chief Judges will be paid $19/hr. and Judges will be paid $15/hr.
- Election Day Chief Judges will be paid $19/hr.; Judges will be paid $15/hr.; Computer Operators will be paid $17/hr. and Assistants will be paid $13/hr.
- Election Day operations at the Rec Center will be moved to the Community Room.
- Watauga County was invited to join a pilot project for Virtual Tabletop Exercises focused on AI risks. It involves about six (6) hours over two days.

6a. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Member Rothenberg then made a motion to un-table the Resolution Requesting the North Carolina General Assembly Pass Legislation Extending Certain Election Deadlines. Member Cline seconded the motion that was then passed unanimously.

Member Rothenberg presented a revised draft resolution to the Board which was then read out loud for review. Secretary Cirone made a motion for the Board to pass and adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Member Cline and passed unanimously. The Resolution was then signed by the Board Members and will be submitted to the NC General Assembly by Director Snyder.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Council made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Member Rothenberg. The motion passed 5-0.

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Perry Yates, Chairman

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Terry Cirone, Secretary

[redacted]

Pam Cline, Member

[redacted]

Leta Council, Member

[redacted]

Elaine Rothenberg, Member

[redacted]

Matthew Snyder, Director