

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ABSENTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2025

Chair Cruickshank called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Jim Cruickshank
Secretary: Judith West
Nona Walker
Phyllis Owen
Thomas A. Smith III

Staff Members:

Director: Jeff Storey
Deputy Director: Laura Owen
Deputy Director: Julie Dennis

Visitors: Kelly Gee

Consideration of absentee ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the Board with 3 civilian (CIV) absentee ballot applications to consider and approve. **Member West made a motion to approve 3 CIV executed absentee ballots. The motion carried unanimously.**

Approved: 3 CIV
Disapproved: 0
Curable: 0

Director updates

The director stated early voting was going well. Turnout is ahead of 2021's pace. A DS200 that had become intermittently unresponsive was replaced after two days of service as a precautionary measure. Ballots cast and chain of custody were recorded and verified on the incident report by a bi-partisan team and operations resumed without delay.

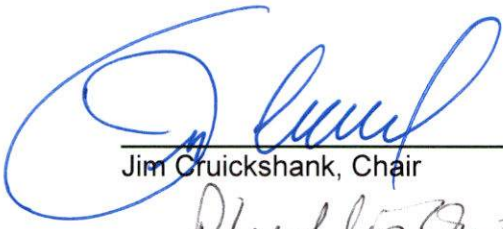
Director Storey received documentation regarding a precinct personnel issue and informed the Board. **Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6), Chair Cruickshank made a motion to enter into closed session to review the concern. The Board agreed unanimously. No formal action was taken in closed session. Member Smith made a motion to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.** There was no further business.

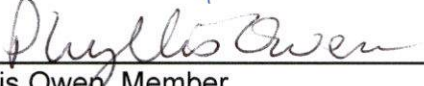
On a motion by Chair Cruickshank, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 3 p.m. on October 28, 2025, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,

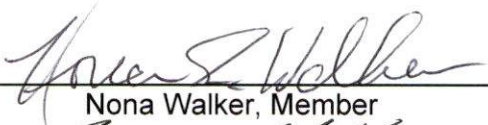


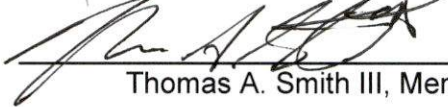
Judith West, Secretary



Jim Cruickshank, Chair


Phyllis Owen, Member



Nona Walker, Member


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Approved by Board on: 10/28/25