

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

Member Walker called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

Board Members:

Nona Walker
Phyllis Owen
Thomas A. Smith III

Staff Members:

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

Visitors: Barb Jackson, Kelly Gee

Consideration of absentee ballots

Deputy Director Owen presented the Board with 3 civilian (CIV) absentee ballot applications to consider and approve. Member Smith made a motion to approve the executed absentee ballots. The motion carried 3-0.


Approved: 3 CIV
Disapproved: 0
Curable: 0

Board comments

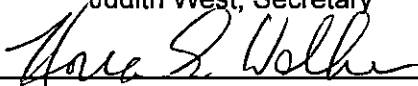
Member Smith asked about record retention policy. Election materials are retained for 22 months unless extended by court order. Member Walker asked about the runoff threshold for the primary. The threshold is 30%. There was no further discussion.

On a motion by Member Owen, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 3 p.m. on February 24, 2026, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

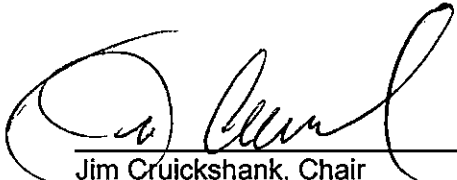
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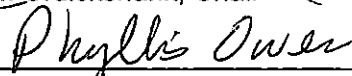
Judith West, Secretary



Nona Walker, Member



Jim Cruickshank, Chair



Phyllis Owen, Member

Thomas A. Smith III, Member

Approved by Board on: 4/9/26