

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2026

Chair Cruickshank called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Attendance

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>Staff Members:</u>
Chair: Jim Cruickshank	Director: Jeff Storey
Secretary: Judith West	Deputy Director: Laura Owen
Nona Walker	Deputy Director: Julie Dennis
Phyllis Owen	

Public: Barb Jackson, Herschel Johnson, Debbie Lanier

Review and approval of agenda

On a motion by Member Walker, the Board approved the agenda 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS : None

Review and approval of previous minutes

The Board reviewed the prepared meeting minutes for April 9, 2026. **On a motion by Secretary West, the Board unanimously approved the minutes 4-0.**

2026G absentee board meeting schedule

The Board reviewed the absentee board meeting schedule for the 2026 General Election to be released to the public. There was discussion regarding the Monday meeting prior to Election Day, but no modifications were suggested. **On a motion by Member Owen, the Board unanimously approved the schedule 4-0.**

Director updates

Director Storey discussed timelines for precinct line alterations. The State Board has established a June 3rd deadline for any changes. The Board agreed to tabling any potential alterations until after the 2026 election.

The director indicated the State Board released a public statement regarding 34,000 deceased voters in North Carolina. The State has not released individual county data to date.

The Board was informed of several proposed NC administrative rules regarding non-citizen list maintenance, recount procedures, electioneering zones, and photo id for absentee by mail ballots with a public comments period to be released.

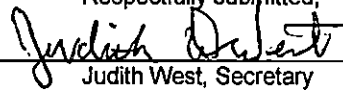
The director mentioned there was an inaugural advocacy meeting with legislators from the North Carolina Association of Directors of Elections and State Board staff in Raleigh. It was expected to become an annual event. Members were advocating for flexibility with early voting hours, absentee by mail logistical procedures, poll worker precinct assignments, and provisional timelines.

Director Storey provided the Board with miscellaneous updates regarding voting machine preventative maintenance, planned purchase of a DS300, poll worker software acquisition, time spent on the auditor's 22 and 24 election data requests, summer state conference logistics, office technology upgrades, and board of elections uniform / jacket acquisitions.

The director raised a question regarding the format of board minutes and the practice of having all board members' signatures on the document. **After discussion, on a motion by Member Owen, the Board approved 4-0 to only require the secretary to sign any approved minutes.** There was no further discussion.

On a motion by Chair Cruickshank, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on June 11, 2026, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith West, Secretary

Approved by Board on: JUN 11, 2026