

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 20, 2025

Chair Champion called the meeting of the Transylvania County Board of Elections to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

**Attendance**

**Board Members:**

**Staff Members:**

Chair: Sara Champion  
Secretary: Judith West  
Sandra Watson  
Wendy Warwick  
Nona Walker

Director: Jeff Storey  
Deputy Director: Laura Owen

Visitors: Barb Jackson, Herschel Johnson

**Review and approval of agenda**

**On a motion by Chair Champion, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS : None**

**Review and approval of previous minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes for February 13, 2025. **On a motion by Member Warwick, the minutes for February 13, 2025 were unanimously approved.**

**Election Day Precinct evaluations**

The Board held workshops to collect data on precinct growth to review if changes were warranted. Data showed the biggest voter growth in Dunn's Rock and Boyd precincts. The director had asked the Board to also evaluate moving the seventeen Cathy's Creek residents located in the Town of Rosman municipality to the Rosman Eastatoe precinct on a permanent basis.

Precincts identified in the workshop that would be affected include Boyd (BD), Pisgah Forest (PF), Little River (LR), Cathey's Creek (CC), Rosman Eastatoe (RE), Dunn's Rock (DR), Brevard #1 (B1) and Cedar Mountain (CM). Director Storey provided the Board with maps and demographic data for areas identified. The Board discussed the findings and possible timelines with decisions. Member Watson thought the CC / RE municipal issue should be separated from the other precinct evaluations for expediency in order to meet deadlines for the municipal election in November. The Board agreed. **On a motion by Member Watson, the Board unanimously approved the director to proceed with preparations to submit a package to the State Board of Elections requesting the permanent move of eligible CC municipal voters to the RE precinct.**

The Board discussed the remaining precinct realignment proposals that would move a portion of Boyd voters to Pisgah Forest and Little River, and a portion of Dunn's Rock voters to Brevard #1, and Cedar Mountain. It was determined that a public comments period would be

appropriate to gather input for the evaluation. **On a motion by Secretary West, a public comments period will be opened on the proposals and reviewed at the next regular board meeting.** The director will provide a link for the public to submit comments on the local website.

#### **Director updates**

Director Storey informed the Board that the National Change of Address (NCOA) mailings went out this week, which identifies voters with postal address changes and is part of list maintenance.

The chair and director will meet with the county budget committee to discuss the proposed elections budget this afternoon.

The director will be attending the National Association of Directors of Elections conference in Durham on March 23-25. The directors will be discussing the challenges with changes in provisional deadlines and how to approach accomplishing those tasks in the compressed timelines during the canvass period.

Director Storey provided the Board with updates on the Griffin protest and SB382 lawsuits.

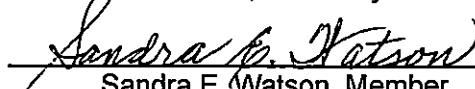
The public comments period for the State Board of Elections' proposed changes to petition rules is open from March 17 to May 16 and the director will share the link.

**On a motion by Chair Champion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.** The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 10, 2025, at 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, NC 28712.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith West, Secretary



Sandra E. Watson, Member



Sara G. Champion, Chair



Wendy Warwick, Member

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Nona Walker, Member

Approved by Board on: April 10, 2025