



FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**Board Meeting
Canvass
Agenda
March 13, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.**

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Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the 2nd Floor Board Room on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m., Chairperson A.L. Collins presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairperson A.L. Collins, Vice Chair Catherine Jourdan, Secretary Chad Doomy, Member Adam Draper, Member Alfred Harvey

Others in attendance: Erica Glass, County Assistant Attorney

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Michelle Bobadilla, Board Clerk Tricia Starkey, Carma Buchanan, Jay Lerman, Matt Doyle

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson A.L. Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairperson A.L. Collins led a moment of silence.

Public Comments

None

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

Chairperson Collins called for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Draper moved to approve the agenda; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Voter Challenge and ID Exception Hearings

Mr. Tsujii informed the Board that there were a total of five voter challenges to be presented. Mr. Tsujii was sworn in and provided testimony for the voter challenges.

1. Marshall Everette Jeffries cast a ballot on February 24, 2026 at the Southside Branch Library during the early voting period. Upon review of his same-day-registration application, Mr. Jeffries was identified with an active felony status in the statewide voter registration database (SEIMS). On March 1, 2026, the board moved to pursue this challenge and the voter was mailed a notice of the challenge via certified overnight mail, pursuant to Numbered Memo 2022-05.

Chairperson Collins asked the public if the voter or a representative of the voter in question was present for the hearing and wished to present any evidence on the challenge. Mr. Jeffries appeared at the hearing and was sworn in to provide testimony on his own behalf. He informed the board that his last criminal conviction dated back to 2000 and his full rights have been restored. The voter provided identification and the board determined that the information received by the State Board of Elections did not match the identification of the individual appearing on the criminal record check.

Secretary Doomy moved to overrule the challenge to the ballot of Marshall Everette Jeffries and that the ballot remain in the total votes recorded for the Southside Branch Library; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Tanisha Machen cast a ballot on February 12, 2026 at the Southside Branch Library during the early voting period. Upon review of her same-day-registration, Ms. Machen was identified with an active felony status in the statewide voter registration database (SEIMS). On February 24, 2026, the board moved to pursue this challenge and the voter was mailed a notice of the challenge via certified overnight mail, pursuant to Numbered Memo 2022-05.

Chairperson Collins asked the public if the voter or a representative of the voter in question was present for the hearing and would like to present any evidence on the challenge.

Secretary Doomy moved to sustain the challenge to the ballot of Tanisha Machen due to their status as an active felon and that the ballot be retrieved and deducted from the total votes recorded for the Southside Branch Library; Member Draper seconded. **Member Harvey, Chairperson Collins, and Vice Chair Jourdan voting nay.**

Chairperson Collins called for a second motion. Vice Chair Jourdan moved to overrule the challenge to the ballot of Tanisha Machen and that the ballot remain in the total votes recorded for the Southside Branch Library; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried 3 to 2 with Secretary Doomy and Member Draper voting nay.**

3. Rodriquis Napoleon Carter cast a ballot on February 26, 2026 at the Southside Branch Library during the early voting period. Upon review of his same-day-registration, Mr. Carter was identified with an active felony status in the statewide voter registration database (SEIMS). On March 1, 2026, the board moved to pursue this challenge and the voter was mailed a notice of the challenge via certified overnight mail, pursuant to Numbered Memo 2022-05.

Chairperson Collins asked the public if the voter or a representative of the voter in question was present for the hearing and would like to present any evidence on the challenge.

Member Draper moved to sustain the challenge to the ballot of Rodriquis Napoleon Carter due to their status as an active felon and that the ballot be retrieved and deducted from the total votes recorded for the Southside Branch Library; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Daniel Wayne Bowen cast a ballot on February 13, 2026 at the Paddison Memorial Branch Library during the early voting period. Through the required list maintenance process and report received from DHHS, staff identified the voter passed away on February 27, 2026. On March 6, 2026, the board moved to pursue this challenge and the voter was mailed a notice of the challenge via certified overnight mail, pursuant to Numbered Memo 2022-05.

Chairperson Collins asked the public if the voter or a representative of the voter in question was present for the hearing and would like to present any evidence on the challenge.

Member Draper moved to sustain the challenge to the ballot of Daniel Wayne Bowen due to his death prior to election day and that the ballot be retrieved and deducted from the total votes recorded for the Paddison Memorial Branch Library; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Kierra M. Thomas completed same-day registration and cast a ballot on February 26, 2026 at the Mazie Woodruff Center during the early voting period. Staff later received a post-election audit report from the SBE showing the voter was also registered in Gaston County, NC. The Gaston County voter registration application was completed after voting in Forsyth County, which indicates a new residence for the voter. An administrative voter challenge was filed by Mr. Tsujii because this occurred after Election Day and was therefore presented to the board. On March 10, 2026, the voter was mailed a notice of the challenge via certified overnight mail, pursuant to Numbered Memo 2022-05.

Chairperson Collins asked the public if the voter or a representative of the voter in question was present for the hearing and would like to present any evidence on the challenge.

Vice Chair Jourdan moved to sustain the challenge to the ballot of Kierra M, Thomas due to her being registered in Gaston County, NC and that the ballot be retrieved and deducted from the total votes recorded for the Mazie Woodruff Center; Member Draper seconded. **Motin carried unanimously.**

Recess: Chairperson Collins called for a recess at 12:01 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairperson Collins reconvened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Tsujii provided the three ballots that had been removed from the voter records based on the prior voter challenges being sustained. The Board confirmed all three ballots were correctly accounted for.

Report on Hand-to-Eye Audit

Carma Buchanan, Polling Place Coordinator, presented to the Board that a bipartisan team performed the hand-to-eye audit which was open to the public. The State Board of Elections randomly selected two precincts, 015 and 077, for the audit. Ms. Buchanan explained that the sample audit count is required by statute and helps ensure the reliability of election results tabulated by a machine. The audit is a comparison of the machine counts with hand-to-eye counts completed as a test to ensure voting equipment reads the voter's choices accurately. Ms. Buchanan reported that no discrepancies were found. Secretary Doomy moved to accept the hand-to-eye audit; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Report on Audit and Reconciliation

Jay Lerman, Elections Systems Manager, informed the Board that there was a .035% discrepancy with the Audit and Reconciliation Report which is most likely because a new process was implemented for ATV processing this year and there is room for improvement in future elections. Secretary Doomy moved to approve the reported information; Member Harvey seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Certification of the 2026 Primary Election

Director Tsujii informed the Board that action was needed to certify the 2026 primary election. Secretary Doomy moved to certify the March 3, 2026 primary election; Member Draper seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Members signed the Abstract Cover Sheet.

Board Members signed the Results Report by Contest.

Board Members signed Results Report by Precinct.

Other Business

None

Closed Session (if necessary)

Adjournment

Member Draper moved to adjourn; Secretary Doomy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**
Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved:

s:/A.L. Collins

Chairperson

s:/Catherine Jourdan

Vice Chair

s:/Chad Doomy

Secretary

s:/Alfred Harvey

Member

s:/Joyce Krawiec

Member