



2026 PRIMARY

Election Date: 03/03/2026

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **WATAUGA** County on **03/03/2026**. This notice contains a list of all of the ballot measures and federal, State, and local offices this county expects, as of this date, to be on the ballot on the date of the election. (See Attachment)

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed **50 days** prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local [board of elections](#) to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda

WATAUGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (03/03/2026)

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
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US SENATE

ELIZABETH TEMPLE	Elizabeth A. Temple	REP
DONALD BROWN	Donald M. (Don) Brown	REP
MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 05

CHARLES HUBBARD	Chuck Hubbard	DEM
ROBERT GIRARD	Steve Girard	REP

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01

ANITA EARLS	Anita Earls	DEM
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NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01

JOHN ARROWOOD	John S. Arrowood	DEM
MATTHEW SMITH	Matt Smith	REP

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02

TOBIAS HAMPSON	Tobias (Toby) Hampson	DEM
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NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03

JAMES WHALEN	James Weldon Whalen	DEM
CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 47

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 087

DESTIN HALL	Destin Hall	REP
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NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 093

CHARLES WALLIN	Charlie Wallin	DEM
PHILLIP PICKETT	Ray Pickett	REP

WATAUGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (03/03/2026)

CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 35 SEAT 01		

**NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 35
SEAT 01**

DALE HAMBY	Dale Hamby	REP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 35		

**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 01**

BARRY HEGE	Adam Hege	DEM
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**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 02**

DAVID LUTHER	David Luther	DEM
CARL RUSSELL	Ray Russell	DEM

**WATAUGA COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR
COURT**

HOLLY FEHL	Holly Fehl	DEM
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CHARLES HAYNES	Charles M. Haynes	REP
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WATAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF

LEN HAGAMAN	Len (LD) Hagaman, Jr.	DEM
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**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 01**

ELLEN LAMONT	Ellen Lamont
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**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 04**

MEGAN KORNHAUSER	Megan (Chayyim) Kornhauser
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