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## 2026 GENERAL

**Election Date: 11/03/2026**

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **WATAUGA** County on **11/03/2026**. 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](http://www.NCSBE.gov). You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at [www.FVAP.gov](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.NCSBE.gov)) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

# Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda

## WATAUGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

### WATAUGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

| CANDIDATE NAME                                           | NAME ON BALLOT          | PARTY |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| <b>US SENATE</b>                                         |                         |       |
| MICHAEL DUBLIN                                           | Michael Dublin          | GRE   |
| ROY COOPER                                               | Roy Cooper              | DEM   |
| SHANNON BRAY                                             | Shannon W. Bray         | LIB   |
| MICHAEL WHATLEY                                          | Michael Whatley         | REP   |
| <b>US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 05</b>           |                         |       |
| VIRGINIA FOXX                                            | Virginia Foxx           | REP   |
| ROBERT LUFFMAN                                           | Robert B. Luffman       | LIB   |
| CHARLES HUBBARD                                          | Chuck Hubbard           | DEM   |
| <b>NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01</b>        |                         |       |
| ANITA EARLS                                              | Anita Earls             | DEM   |
| SARAH STEVENS                                            | Sarah Stevens           | REP   |
| <b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01</b>                 |                         |       |
| MICHAEL BYRNE                                            | Michael C. Byrne        | REP   |
| JOHN ARROWOOD                                            | John S. Arrowood        | DEM   |
| <b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02</b>                 |                         |       |
| GEORGE BELL                                              | George Cooper Bell      | REP   |
| TOBIAS HAMPSON                                           | Tobias (Toby) Hampson   | DEM   |
| <b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03</b>                 |                         |       |
| CRAIG COLLINS                                            | Craig Collins           | REP   |
| CHRISTINE WALCZYK                                        | Christine Marie Walczyk | DEM   |
| <b>NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 47</b>                       |                         |       |
| FRANK HUGHES                                             | Frank Patton Hughes III | DEM   |
| RALPH HISE                                               | Ralph Hise              | REP   |
| <b>NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 087</b>          |                         |       |
| IRAIDA BENDER                                            | Iris Bender             | DEM   |
| DESTIN HALL                                              | Destin Hall             | REP   |
| <b>NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 093</b>          |                         |       |
| CHARLES WALLIN                                           | Charlie Wallin          | DEM   |
| PHILLIP PICKETT                                          | Ray Pickett             | REP   |
| <b>NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 35 SEAT 01</b>       |                         |       |
| MATTHEW RUPP                                             | Matthew Rupp            | REP   |
| <b>NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 35 SEAT 01</b>       |                         |       |
| ERIC ELLER                                               | Eric F. Eller           | REP   |
| ANDREW BROOKS                                            | Andrew Brooks           | DEM   |
| <b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 35</b>                     |                         |       |
| ROBERT BANKS                                             | Seth Banks              | REP   |
| <b>WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 01</b> |                         |       |
| RICHARD WOODS                                            | Rick Woods              | REP   |

**WATAUGA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)**

| CANDIDATE NAME | NAME ON BALLOT | PARTY |
|----------------|----------------|-------|
| BARRY HEGE     | Adam Hege      | DEM   |

**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 02**

|              |              |     |
|--------------|--------------|-----|
| CARL RUSSELL | Ray Russell  | DEM |
| SAVVA KOSTIS | Savva Kostis | REP |

**WATAUGA COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR  
COURT**

|                |                   |     |
|----------------|-------------------|-----|
| HOLLY FEHL     | Holly Fehl        | DEM |
| CHARLES HAYNES | Charles M. Haynes | REP |

**WATAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF**

|              |                       |     |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----|
| DARIN CHURCH | Darin Church          | REP |
| LEN HAGAMAN  | Len (LD) Hagaman, Jr. | DEM |

**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 01**

|               |               |  |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| YOLANDA ADAMS | Yolanda Adams |  |
| ELLEN LAMONT  | Ellen Lamont  |  |

**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 04**

|                  |                            |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| CHAD COLE        | Chad Cole                  |  |
| MEGAN KORNHAUSER | Megan (Chayyim) Kornhauser |  |

**WATAUGA SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

|                |                |  |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| DAVID WILLIAMS | David Williams |  |
| DAVID SCOTT    | David Scott    |  |
| DAVID GRIG     | Aaron Grig     |  |

| CHOICE                                                            | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING</b>     |                                                                                                                                             |
| For                                                               | Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting. |
| Against                                                           | Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting. |
| <b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5%</b> |                                                                                                                                             |
| For                                                               | Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).                 |
| Against                                                           | Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).                 |
| <b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT</b>         |                                                                                                                                             |
| For                                                               | Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.                                                   |
| Against                                                           | Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.                                                   |