



## 2026 PRIMARY

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

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **ASHE** 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](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

## ASHE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (03/03/2026)

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
<b>US SENATE</b>		
DARYL FARROW	Daryl Farrow	DEM
JUSTIN DUES	Justin E. Dues	DEM
ROY COOPER	Roy Cooper	DEM
ROBERT COLON	Robert Colon	DEM
MARCUS WILLIAMS	Marcus W. Williams	DEM
ORRICK QUICK	Orrick Quick	DEM
MARGOT DUPRE	Margot Dupre	REP
RICHARD DANSIE	Richard Dansie	REP
DONALD BROWN	Donald M. (Don) Brown	REP
MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP
ELIZABETH TEMPLE	Elizabeth A. Temple	REP
MICHELE MORROW	Michele Morrow	REP
THOMAS JOHNSON	Thomas Johnson	REP
<b>US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 05</b>		
KYAH CREEKMORE	Kyah Creekmore	DEM
CHARLES HUBBARD	Chuck Hubbard	DEM
VIRGINIA FOXX	Virginia Foxx	REP
ROMAN WILLIAMS	Roman H. (Chad) Williams II	REP
JOSEPH OSBORNE	Joseph (Joey) Osborne	REP
ROBERT GIRARD	Steve Girard	REP
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01</b>		
MICHAEL BYRNE	Michael C. Byrne	REP
MATTHEW SMITH	Matt Smith	REP
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03</b>		
JAMES WHALEN	James Weldon Whalen	DEM
CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM
<b>NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 34 SEAT 02</b>		
ANDREW WARREN	Andrew Warren	REP
KELLIE MYERS	Kellie Southard Myers	REP
<b>ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS</b>		
JERRY ELDRETH	Mike Eldreth	REP
DEREK CALHOUN	Derek Calhoun	REP
JERRY POWERS	Jerry D. Powers	REP
TODD MCNEILL	Todd A. McNeill	REP
<b>ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
DIANNE ELDRETH	Dianne Eldreth	REP
WESTON CALBREATH	Wes Calbreath	REP
JANET WARD	Janet Ward	REP
SHANE LITTLE	Shane E. Little	REP
<b>ASHE COUNTY SHERIFF</b>		
EARL COX	Earl Cox	REP

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BRANDON SHEPHERD	Brandon Shepherd	REP
BRANDON HOWELL	B. Phil Howell	REP