

County Boards of Elections Advocacy

In North Carolina, many important decisions about election planning and administration, such as polling place selection, poll worker training, and early voting plans, are made by County Boards of Elections (“CBOE”). The boards meet regularly throughout the year, and it is vital to Democracy NC’s mission of ensuring safe and accessible elections that we monitor these meetings.

Volunteers, called Election Advocates, not only monitor CBOEs but have crucial roles as Democracy NC’s on-the-ground operatives. Election Advocates duties include:

- ⚡ Attending monthly meetings, providing public comment, and filling out our reporting form (demnc.co/boereportform). Advocates provide us with important information about the boards’ decisions and any county-level issues we need to monitor.
- ⚡ Monitoring election-related news in your county as well as the actions of the CBOE and Board of Commissioners.
- ⚡ Cultivating relationships with your County Board members, building contacts from a grassroots level. Board members are most attuned to the voices of their own constituents.
- ⚡ Independently advancing progressive changes to election laws and procedures. As an advocate, you know best about the needs of local communities within your county.

We’ve already seen some incredible achievements made possible through the tireless efforts of our advocates. In 2024, we were able to:

- ⚡ **Mobilize students at UNC-Greensboro and NC A&T to protect early voting campus sites**, like UNCG Kaplan Center for Wellness, to ensure college students and the surrounding community have accessible voting options.
- ⚡ In partnership with Common Cause NC, League of Women Voters NC, You Can Vote, Blueprint NC, and Southern Coalition for Social Justice, **place advocates in 78 NC counties to attend and observe the vote counting process called Canvass**. Advocates helped identify key issues, such as unfounded voter challenges, undeliverable same-day registration mail verifications, and inconsistencies with processing voter photo ID exception forms.
- ⚡ **Advocate to meet the living income standard for Election Directors’ salaries in 10 counties.**

In 2025, we face many challenges, but we also have an opportunity to build on the successes that Election Advocates have achieved so far. We need your help to ensure smooth elections and protect our fundamental right to vote. **If you can, please sign up to be a CBOE**

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