



NORTH CAROLINA

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

COMPLAINT AGAINST
COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS MEMBER

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*Submitting fraudulently or falsely
completed declarations is a Class 1
felony under Chapter 163 of the
General Statutes.*

Instructions
(08 NCAC
03 .0101)

Any voter desiring to bring charges of a violation of the North Carolina Administrative Code or of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes with the State Board of Elections against a member of any county board of elections may do so by filing with the Board a written statement, signed and sworn under oath or affirmation of the voter. The statement must contain:

- 1) the name, residence address, and county of the member against whom the charges are brought;
- 2) a statement of the facts constituting the violation alleged, with a reference to the date and place of such misconduct; and
- 3) the names and addresses of persons who have knowledge or information of the matters referred to in the charges as filed.

Visit <https://bit.ly/2Z89VtS> for all requirements.

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Information
About Person
Filing Complaint

Catherine BRIAND-WEST Jackson
Name County

249 Judger Hill Rd
Address

Cullowhee NC 28723
City State Zip Code

cbriandwest@gmail.com 828 331 8332
E-Mail Address Telephone Number

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Information
about County
Board Member
Against Whom
You are Filing a
Complaint

Jackson
Name County

Address

NC
City State Zip Code

Date the alleged violation occurred:

13 Feb 2026

Place the alleged violation occurred:

Polling station - Cullowhee Rec. Center



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Provide a statement of the facts constituting the violation alleged.

Description of
Violation

Be as specific as you can, providing all relevant facts and circumstances of the potential violations.

You should also include a citation to the applicable rule, law, or duty you believe has been violated. 08 NCAC 03 .0102 states that the State Board shall set a hearing if the charges preferred include prima facie evidence of any of the following: "(1) a violation of these Rules or of any election law under Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes; (2) a breach of a duty imposed by Chapter 163; or (3) participation in irregularities, incapacity, or incompetency to discharge the duties of the office." Attach additional pages if needed.

At around 08:45 this morning (13 Feb 2026), Bill Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Elections of Jackson County came into the polling station. ~~He~~ ~~he~~ ~~made~~ ~~the~~ ~~following~~ ~~comment~~

He said something to the effect of: "I like Germany, but I never trusted the Germans. You can tell by something in their eyes ... they might do it again." It was inferred by ~~the~~ ^{most} present that he was ~~referring~~ referring to the events leading up to, and during World War II. ~~He~~

He then added something to the effect of: "I would not go to Germany now, because of the Islamic Invasion. They are everywhere." and hurtful

This was disrespectful to any voter who could have been there at the time, and also to the poll workers.



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Description of
Violation
(continued)

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Names &
Addresses of
Persons who
Have Knowledge
Related to the
Charges Filed

Provide the names and addresses, so far as you know, of persons who have knowledge or information of the matters referred to in the charges as filed.
Attach additional pages if necessary.

Rebecca Hemmer
Name #1
1133 Stone Pillow Rd
Address
Tuckasegee NC 28783
City State Zip Code

Matthew Mason
Name #2
195 Indian Mound Rd
Address
Cullowee NC 28723
City State Zip Code

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Attestation

I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury and other penalties established by North Carolina law, that the information provided in this complaint is true, correct, complete, and of my own personal knowledge, or if not, I believe the information to be true based upon the following:

[Signature] 13 Feb 26
Signature of Complainant Date

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Notarization

State of North Carolina, County of Jackson

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me,
This 13 day of February, 20 20

Signature of Notary Public:
[Signature]
Printed Name of Notary Public:

Amanda P. Allen

My Commission Expires 3/13/28

