



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 I
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

Hannah Preston	Wake	
Name	County	
840 Handsworth Lane Apt 302		
Address		
Raleigh	NC	27607
City	State	Zip Code
hello@influencenc.org	4438780768	
E-Mail Address	Telephone Number	

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

Jillian McPherson-Edge	Columbus County	
Name	County	
Sarah Ann Bryant		
Address		
14448 NC 210 HWY Angier	NC	28472
ANGIER, NC 27501		27501
City	State	Zip Code

Date the alleged violation occurred:

June 8, 2026

Place the alleged violation occurred:

2586 JAMES B. WHITE HWY N. BLDG B
~~WHITEVILLE NC 28472~~

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Description of
Violation

Provide a statement of the facts constituting the violation alleged.

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.**

~~I am filing this complaint regarding the June 8, 2026 meeting of the Columbus County Board of Elections, which was publicly noticed as beginning at 5:00 p.m. and advertised as being available to the public through a livestream.~~
~~As of 6:06 p.m., I remained in the virtual waiting room and had not been granted access to the meeting. I was informed that a member of the public notified the Board of the livestream issue at approximately 5:38 p.m. Despite that notification, nearly one hour into the meeting there had been no public communication regarding the status of the livestream, any technical difficulties affecting access, whether the meeting had been delayed, or whether an alternative method of public access was available.~~
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~~This meeting involved matters of substantial public interest, including the Board's consideration on early voting locations. Decisions affecting voter access and election administration require transparency and public accountability. The inability of the public to observe the meeting as advertised, together with the lack of notice concerning technical problems or alternative viewing options, undermined public confidence in the openness of the process.~~
~~Additionally, public bodies are generally expected to provide timely notice of changes affecting meeting access and logistics. I subscribe to the County's listserv and did not receive any notification regarding a delay, cancellation, technical failure, interruption of the livestream, or alternative means for the public to observe the meeting.~~
~~For these reasons, I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed to determine whether the public was improperly denied access to the June 8, 2026 meeting and whether corrective action is warranted to ensure compliance with North Carolina's Open Meetings Law and to prevent similar issues from occurring in the future.~~
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(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.

Zarian Barr

Name #1

Address

NC

28456

City

State

Zip Code

Name #2

Sarah Ann Bryant

Address

14410 NC 210 HWY, Angier

NC

27501

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:

Hannah Marie Preston

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Signature of Complainant

8/8/26

Date

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Notarization

State of North Carolina, County of Wake

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me,

This 26 day of June, 2026

Signature of Notary Public:

Printed Name of Notary Public:

Christopher Hilton

My Commission Expires 09/20/2027

Notary Stamp or Seal

CHRISTOPHER HILTON
NOTARY PUBLIC
WAKE COUNTY, NC
My Commission Expires 9-20-2027