

Board of Elections

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Legislators Andrew Aronstam, Ron Ciotoli, and Bill Standing.

Commissioners James Wahls and Kelly Johnson.

Guests: County Administrator Jackson Bailey, Legislative Chair Tracy Monell, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, Legislator JoEllen Rose.

Absent: Legislator Jake Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Ciotoli. Second by Legislator Standing. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

The YTD Budget Report was presented.

Commissioner Wahls stated we were on track. Legislators had no questions or concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

See June minutes.

Update: The 2026 primary election results were certified timely.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a manual recount to complete tomorrow, July 8, for Republican Spencer Town Justice.

Recanvass Results deadline is July 13.

A status report on the Board of Elections Strategic Plan was given, which mainly pertained to progress on accessibility goals.

PERSONNEL

As of this morning, there were 157 people signed up for summer election inspector training. We want to train at least 185 over the course of the summer to ensure we have enough for the busy general election. Commissioner Johnson stated we still have around 20 left to call to get signed up and of these 157, 13 are new for this year.

BOE reports that no staff participates in remote work. The commissioners had looked into it, but IT did not approve access to the voter database, so it would not be beneficial to us.

RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

A resolution was presented to Amend Resolution 343-24; 2024 Ballot by Mail Grant and Amend Resolution 366-25; 2025 Vote by Mail Grant. Commissioner Wahls explained that the resolution would permit any remaining funds for each grant to be carried forward annually for as long as these grants are extended.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Legislator Ciotoli brought up an incident he was aware of that happened on Election Day in Broome County regarding inspectors showing voters their signatures if they didn't match. The commissioners explained that this is not proper protocol, but we have had similar issues and they were addressed.

Meeting adjourned.