



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final-revised

### Board of Canvassers

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:00 AM Alliant Energy Center - 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way -  
Exhibition Hall D

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*Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.*

*Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.*

*Yuav tsuam tau thov txog cov neeg txhais lus hau ntej; thov saib hauv qab kawg ntawm qhov txheej txheem rau cov ntaub ntawv ntxiv.*

#### A. Call To Order

The County Clerk, Scott McDonell called the Board of Canvassers meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B. The Dane County Board of Canvassers will be conducting a recount of the 2022 Partisan Primary - Republican Congressional District #2 contest.**

Willett made a motion to change the procedures of the recount, seconded by Bensky for discussion. He believes that WI. Statute 5.90 states that the Board of Canvassers needs to compare any and all of the remade ballots. He believes that this is also per WEC guidelines.

It was pointed out that the WEC guidance has different procedures for hand counted recount vs. optical scan recount. The procedures differ. The manual p.11 gives procedures for hand counted ballots that does not include comparisons whereas the optical scan procedures includes comparisons. Therefore, the procedure the BoC is using is per WEC guidelines. There was also a concern of changing the procedure in the middle of the recount. Willett argued that the ballots needed to be compared either way. He believes there is no reason the procedures should differ.

Willett motion failed 2-1 with McDonell and Bensky voting no and Willett voting yes. The BoC asked that Corporation Counsel ask WEC to revisit its guidance on §5.90. BoC also agreed to inform both candidates of this discussion.

With both candidates present with their various campaign representatives, BoC discussed the issue and explained why they were following WEC guidance for this recount (consistency in how the municipalities are treated). It was explained that either candidate could ask to have these ballots compared for any municipalities that they wanted. Candidate Berry requested to see the remade ballots for Fitchburg (log appeared to say there were 100 remade ballots). BoC voted unanimously to call Fitchburg back and compare these ballots.

**C. Adjourn and continue the following day until the recount of votes cast are complete**

Motion by Willett, 2nd by Bensky to adjourn. Motion Carried - 4:45 p.m.

Dane County Clerk 608-266-4121

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