



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Board of Canvassers

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

10:00 AM Hybrid Meeting - City-County Building, 210 MLK Jr Blvd,
Madison, WI - County Clerk Conference Room 106A

Hybrid Meeting - City-County Building, 210 MLK Jr Blvd, Madison, WI - County Clerk
Conference Room 106A

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Clerk McDonell at 10 am. Commissioners Willett, Arntsen, and McDonell were present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026](#) April 13, 2026 Board of Canvasser - Minutes

[MIN-020](#)

Attachments: [April 13, 2026 Board of Canvasser Minutes](#)

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by MCDONELL that the Minutes be approved. WILLETT and MCDONELL voted Aye. ARNTSEN abstained.

[2026](#) April 14, 2026 Board of Canvasser - Minutes

[MIN-021](#)

Attachments: [April 14, 2026 Board of Canvasser Minutes](#)

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by MCDONELL that the Minutes be approved with the addition of listing the names of the commissioners present. WILLETT and MCDONELL voted Aye. ARNTSEN abstained.

C. Closed Session

There was no motion to go into closed session.

[2026](#) Wisconsin Elections Commission - Decision & Final Order

[RPT-019](#)

Attachments: [Wisconsin Elections Commission Decision & Final Order](#)

[26-05 Opinion for Board of Canvassers RE 2026 Spring Election & WEC Decision dated 04-30-2026](#)

1. Consideration of Potential Litigation

Moved by ARNTSEN, second by MCDONELL to appeal the Wisconsin Election Commission decision to Circuit Court. Motion passed: ARNTSEN, MCDONELL Aye. WILLETT No.

Wis. Stat §19.85(1)(g) - The Board of Canvassers may confer in closed session with legal counsel for the Board who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with the respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

D. Action Items

[2026](#) May 2026 - Opinion for Board of Canvassers RE: 2026 Spring Election WEC
[RPT-022](#) Decision dated 4-30-26

Attachments: [May 2026 - Opinion for Board of Canvassers RE 2026 Spring Election WEC Decision dated 04-30-2026](#)

[2026](#) WEC - Investigation of the City of Madison, dated July 17, 2025
[RPT-024](#)

Attachments: [WEC Investigation of the City of Madison-July 17, 2025](#)

Wisconsin Elections Commission - Order Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.06(6)

1. Reconvening as per WEC letter dated April 30, 2026 to correct actions and decisions as outlined in Part One, Part Two, and Part Three of the attached order as it relates to the "23" absentee ballots counted at City of Madison and Dane County Board of Canvass for the April 7, 2026 Spring Election. Return the results to the City of Madison Municipal Board of Canvass for the corrections as consistent with the Part One of the attached order.

Moved by ARNTSEN, second by WILLETT to remand the election results for the races of State Supreme Court State Court of Appeals, and Dane County Circuit Court to the Madison Municipal Board of Canvass to make corrections as directed by the Wisconsin Election Commission April 30 order. The vote was unanimous.

2. Consideration of appealing the WEC order dated April 30, 2026

*The Board of Canvassers will convene in open session but may move to closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) and then reconvene into open session prior to adjournment of this meeting. This notice is intended to inform the public that this meeting will convene in open session, may move to closed session, and then may reconvene in open session. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2)

E. Certification of County Canvass

*Justice of the Supreme Court
Court of Appeals District 4
Circuit Court Judge Branch 1
Circuit Court Judge Branch 8
County Supervisors - Districts 1 through 37
Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge - City of Edgerton and Town of Albion
Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge - Town of Roxbury*

F. Adjourn

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by ARNTSEN that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The Board of Canvass will meet again at 4pm.