



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

4:00 PM 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 at 4 pm. Board members MCDONELL, WILLETT,
AND ARNTSEN were present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

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

[MIN-020](#)

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

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting.

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

[MIN-021](#)

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

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting.

C. Closed Session

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting. The
Board did not 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

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting.

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.

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

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

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

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

D. Action Items

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.

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting.

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

Considered at the previous meeting. See minutes from 10 am meeting.

*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

The Board heard from City of Madison Clerk McComas regarding the Madison MBOC actions including draw downs of ballots that were not marked on election night. (see attached MBOC minutes) She also discussed changes in process for the August election.

The Board then reviewed the updated results by ward.

Motion by WILLETT, second by ARTSEN to re-certify the April 7 2026 election results for the state offices of
Justice of the Supreme Court
Court of Appeals District 4
Circuit Court Judge Branch 1
Circuit Court Judge Branch 8
The motion passed 3-0.

*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*

[2026](#) Dane County Board of Canvassers - City of Madison
[RPT-026](#) Municipal Board of Canvass Minutes - 5.5.26

Attachments: [City of Madison Municipal Board of Canvasser Minutes 5.5.26](#)

F. Adjourn

Motion by WILLETT, second by ARNTSEN, to adjourn at 4:26 pm. The motion passed 3-0