

MCDOWELL COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Members:
Barbara Hilty, Chair
Kay House, Secretary
Jimmie Hachadurian, Member
Della Watson, Member
Tracey Bolick, Member



Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Board Members Present:

Barbara Hilty

JR Hachadurian

Kay House

Tracey Bolick

BH

JRH

KH

TB

Board Members Absent:

Della Watson

DW

Staff Present:

Kim Welborn, Director

Jane Propst, Director in Training

Public Attendees:

Anna Caldwell

Susan Elliott

Elizabeth Gibbs

Patricia Williams

Roxan Wetzel

Opening

Quorum is present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting August 27, 2025 was presented. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. During discussion, staff requested that BOE should be put after Marion in third bullet point to clarify the early voting is held at the board of elections office. JR Hachadurian withdrew his motion. Kay House motioned to approve the revision/amendment to the minutes, seconded by Tracey Bolick. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Barbara Hilty made the motion to have the board secretary delegate the taking of the minutes to the staff. Tracey Bolick, current Secretary resigned as Secretary and nominated Kay House as the new Secretary, (Barbara Hilty withdrew her motion) seconded by Barbara Hilty. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. Kay House new board secretary will delegate the taking of the board minutes to the staff.

Old Business

Barbara Hilty requested an update on the registration repair project, and in conjunction the voter registration dates of voters with a 01/01/1900 date. The staff explained the process and the updates.

New Business

1. At this time no absentee requests have been received for the Municipal election, 11-4-25.
2. The list of Election Day and Early Voting precinct officials for the Municipal election was presented to the board. JR Hachadurian wanted to ensure the staff has the same authority as in the past to replace any workers that are unable to work either on election day or early voting as long as the pollworkers have been approved by the political parties they represent.
3. Discussion of Early Voting for March, 2026. The staff made recommendations and this will be voted on at a later date. The vote must be done with all 5 board members in attendance.
4. Due to Hurricane Helene and the damage suffered the staff expressed concerns for the readiness of the Old Fort Wesleyan Church for the March, 2026 Primary. The staff recommends to utilize the Old Fort Depot for both the Old Fort # 1 and Old Fort #2 precincts combined for the Primary, 2026 election. The hope is for the church to complete the repairs needed in time for the November, 2026 General election. Kay House motioned to approve the change for the March, 2026 Primary and Second Primary, if necessary, seconded by Tracey Bolick. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
5. Jane Propst, Director in Training explained the Student Election Assistant application and appointment process. Three applications were presented to the board for the Municipal election. Barbara Hilty motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

General Discussion

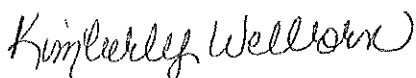
Public Comments

Susan Elliott

Adjournment

Tracey Bolick motioned to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

September 30, 2025