

MCDOWELL COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Della Watson, Member



McDowell County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

9:01 a.m. – 9:44 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Barbara Hilty, Member Tracey Bolick, Member J.R. Hachadurian, Secretary Kay House, Member Della Watson

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Elections Director Jane Propst, Deputy Director Baylie Davis

Guests in Attendance: Susan Elliott, Elizabeth Gibbs, Suzanne Fisher, Trish Williams

Meeting Opening

Chair Barbara Hilty called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **February 03, 2026**, meeting were presented.

Motion: Hachadurian

Second: House

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, 5-0

Action: Minutes approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board. Director Jane Propst proposed adding 2026 Primary Election precinct officials to the agenda

Motion: Hilty

Second: House

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, 5–0

Action: Agenda approved as amended

Directors Report

- Director Propst reported that the State Board of Elections mailed out letters to 1,548 McDowell County voters who provided an identification number when they registered to vote that did not validate against other government databases. This is part of the State Board's ongoing efforts to maintain accurate and current voter rolls.

Old Business

1. Election Officials List

An updated Elections Official list from Marion 2 was presented.

Motion: House

Second: Watson

Vote: Unanimous, 5–0

Discussion: None

Action: Marion 2 Election Officials list approved as presented.

New Business

1. 2026 Primary Election Absentee Ballot Requests

Director Jane Propst presented the Absentee Ballot Request log. **14 requests** were received, and **3 requests** were denied.

Motion: House

Second: Watson

Vote: Unanimous, 5–0

Discussion: None

Action: Absentee ballot requests accepted as presented.

2. 2026 Primary Absentee Ballots

Director Jane Propst presented 1 **OVR** UOCAVA absentee ballot.

Motion: Hachadurian

Second: House

Vote: Unanimous, 5–0

Discussion: None

Action: Absentee ballot accepted as presented. The ballot was tabulated.

General Discussion

1. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., if needed.**

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion: Hilty

Second: House

Meeting adjourned at **9:44 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Baylie Davis

Baylie Davis, Deputy Director

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