

# MCDOWELL COUNTY

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS



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

## McDowell County Board of Elections

### Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2026

11:01 a.m. – 11:32 a.m.

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

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

### Meeting Opening

Chair Barbara Hilty called the meeting to order at **11:01 a.m.**

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **March 6, 2026**, meeting were presented.

**Motion:** Hilty

**Second:** Bolick

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Unanimous, 5-0

**Action:** Minutes approved as presented.

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

**Motion:** House

**Second:** Watson

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Unanimous, 5-0

**Action:** Agenda approved as presented.

## Directors Report

None

## Old Business

None

## New Business

### **1. March 3, 2026 Primary Election Canvass**

Director Propst reported that a total of **7,157 ballots were cast** in the 2026 Primary Election, while **voter history reflected 7,156 voters**. The one-ballot discrepancy was attributed to an **extra blank ballot that was inadvertently placed into the tabulator**, resulting in the ballot count exceeding the voter history by one. Director Propst requested that the Board approve the 2026 Primary Election results as presented.

**Motion:** Hilty

**Second:** Bolick

**Vote:** Unanimous, 5–0

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** The board canvassed the 2026 Primary Election and executed the required abstracts.

## General Discussion

Director Propst informed the Board that the NCSBE Conference will be held August 9–11. She also reported that she received the county budget packet and that it must be completed by the end of March.

### **1. Next meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

## Public Comments

None

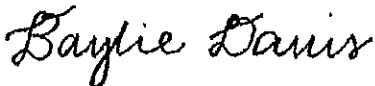
## Adjournment

**Motion:** Bolick

**Second:** House

Meeting adjourned at **11:32 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Baylie Davis, Deputy Director

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