

STATE OF WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

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**State of Wisconsin
Before the Elections Commission**

The Complaint of Debra Hadley

_____, Complainant(s) against

Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk, Respondent, whose
address is 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

This complaint is under 7.60(2) (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Debra Hadley, allege that:

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 9/11/2024 Debra Hadley
Complainant's Signature

I, Debra Hadley, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Debra Hadley
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Marathon,
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 11 day of
Sept, 2024.

Sarah Matsche
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 2/26/25, or is permanent.

Notary Public or _____
(official title if not notary)



Please send this completed form to:

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Debra Hadley

3603 Hidden Links Drive
Wausau, WI 54403

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10 September 2024

Wisconsin Elections Commission

P.O.Box 7984
Madison, WI 53707-7984

My name is Debra Hadley and I am the past Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Marathon County. I have and continue to handle Poll Worker submissions to the Clerks and Board of Canvass applicants to Kim Trueblood the Marathon county Clerk. This is my fourth year completing this task.

Per Chapter 7, Election Officials; Boards: Selection and Duties; Canvassing 7.60(2), I sent for the 2024-2025 term a list of appointments to the Marathon County Board of Canvassers. This was signed and sent to the Clerk prior to the November 30th deadline. In January I contacted Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk regarding her selection to the Canvas Board. She indicated she selected Deb Bouche who was not on our submission list. I questioned that as Deb Bouche was not a person who was submitted to be on our list. Kim's response as noted in the email was that she received an updated letter from the party in December 2023 where Deb Bouche's name was the first on the list.

I contacted the Chairman of the party and he could not remember sending anything to Kim and as of this writing does not have an explanation of how he thought this could have happened. I contacted our party secretary Roberta Siegharter and she had only signed the original form sent in November 2023, and had not signed any additional forms.

The Chairman also signed the original submission in November 2023. The Executive Board nor the membership, who by statute approve the Board of Canvassing submission only approved the November 2023 submission.

It appears through email discussion that Kim Trueblood contacted our Municipal Clerk's office and asked for a new name for the canvassing position. Deb Bouche was suggested by a "person" and she was placed on the Board of Canvass.

It appears that Kim took it upon herself to alter our submission for the Board of Canvass, The last certification of the election. I am concerned about this change and why it was made. Our Democratic counterpoint on this board is a known activist, our submissions are well informed citizens that we felt confident would protect a fair and free election.

I believe Kim Trueblood called the Chairman and told him what she wanted and he may or may not have agreed. There is no paperwork to support the Chairman's change in plans. The executive committee nor the membership knew of this change. The documentation for this change should be made available to me, which I have not yet received. The fact that the Chairman will not speak to the issue only makes me believe Kim Trueblood initiated the change.

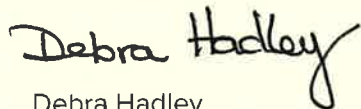
I have two questions that I would like addressed:

1. Is this legal? Not according to the statutes as I understand
2. What was the impetus for the change? Why Deb Bouche

I have enclosed the relevant documentation regarding this case.

Thank you for your review and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Debra Hadley



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Kim Trueblood, County Clerk
County Court House
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403

In accordance with the Wisconsin State Statutes, below you will find
The names of the Republican Party of Marathon County's candidates
For appointment to the Marathon County Board of Canvassers.

We understand you will appoint one of the candidates from our list and
This appointment will be for a two year term, beginning January 1, 2024
Through December 31, 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our candidates for
Appointment to this board, please contact Kevin Hermening our County
Chairperson at 715-571-0950 or email him at kevin.hermening@ampf.com.


Our candidates for your consideration for appointment are:

Joanne Leonard Email: jleonard@pcpros.net Phone: 715-573-6918


Laura Goergen Email: grrun@yahoo.com Phone: 715-680-8190

Josephine Olhoff Email: josie.olhoff@gmail.com Phone: 715-581-5233

Thank you for your kind consideration,



Kevin Hermening - RPMC Chairman



Roberta Siegharter - Secretary

RE: [EXTERNAL] Board of Canvass

1 message

Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
To: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 11:29 AM

Hi Deb,

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I got one letter from the party and then an updated letter in December where Deb's name was the first one.

Deb is the R rep and Michelle Van Krey is the D rep.

Kim Trueblood

Marathon County Clerk

kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us

715-261-1501



From: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 11:24 AM
To: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Board of Canvass

Hi Kim,

I didn't send Deb Bouche's name over , I am very confused as to how this was changed.

Could you tell me who is on the board both Republican and Democrats. Thank you Kim, I appreciate your assistance.

Deb Hadley

(715) 618-6184

On Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 9:46 AM Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us> wrote:

Good Morning Deb,

I appointed Deb Bouche from the list I was sent and she started in February.

Kim Trueblood

Marathon County Clerk

kim.trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us

715-261-1501

REC 18SEP2024 AM11:36



From: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:27 AM
To: Kim Trueblood <Kim.Trueblood@co.marathon.wi.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Canvass

Hi Kim,

Could you Please tell me who is on the Board of Canvass for Marathon County.

Thank you

Deb Hadley

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Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>

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Re: Board of Canvas

1 message

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 2:45 PM

Deb <debra.bouche@gmail.com>

To: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>

Hi Debi

I did find emails verifying that Kim true blood had reached out to the city clerks office to see if they knew anyone that could be Republican county canvas person. One of the people at the city clerks office recommended me to Kim and then Kim contacted me to see if I was interested. I did swear in to a two year term, not three.

On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 9:32 AM Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Deb,

Great to see you at Lincoln Day , not sure if you have begun reading Kristi's book but it is really interesting. Great advice to follow in these depressing times ☹️ I am following up on our conversation regarding the Board of Canvas. Wondering if you could recall the process, Everything is fine, no problems, just cleaning up my notes. Thanks Deb

Deb Hadley
(715) 618-6184

Re: Question

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1 message

Roberta Siegharter <robsiegharter70@gmail.com>
To: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 12:58 PM

I believe I only signed one copy last time...it was like 75 pages. If you need me to sign more let me know. Thanks Roberta

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From: Deb Hadley <hadley.k.deb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 7:44:05 AM
To: Roberta Siegharter <robsiegharter70@gmail.com>
Subject: Question

Good Morning Roberta,
Early morning question ☺

First Thank you for setting up the booth, it looked great, many positive comments !
Thank Chris too !

I am wondering if you remember if you signed two Board of Canvas requests from the RPMC or just the one in November that you always sign when I submit with the election workers listings. I'm not sure when the 2nd one would have happened maybe December or January ??? . I only have the initial one sent in November. If you remember that's great if not no problem.

Thanks Roberta and have a great day, I am off to the Fair !

Deb
Deb Hadley
(715) 618-6184

pal clerk for provisional ballots that are eligible to be counted under s. 6.97 (4), the board of canvassers shall reconvene no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election and shall adjust the returns accordingly. No later than 4 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the board of canvassers shall complete the canvass and shall prepare a written statement showing the numbers of votes cast for each person for each office and for and against each question and shall prepare a determination showing the names of the persons who are elected to the school board and the results of any school district referendum. Following each primary election, the board of canvassers shall prepare a statement certifying the names of the persons who have won nomination to the school board. Each statement and determination shall be attested by each of the canvassers. The board of canvassers shall file each statement and determination in the school district office. The school district clerk shall certify nominations after each primary and issue certificates of election to persons who are elected to the school board after each election in the manner provided in sub. (4).

(b) In a 1st class city school district, the municipal board of canvassers or election commissioners shall determine the results of school district elections and referenda and shall file a written statement and determination of the results for each election and referendum in the office of the city clerk or board of election commissioners. The board of election commissioners or city clerk shall certify nominations after each primary and issue certificates of election to persons who are elected to the board of school directors after each election in the manner provided in sub. (4).

(4) **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.** As soon as the deadline for filing a petition for a recount has passed, the municipal clerk shall issue promptly a certificate of election to each person elected to any municipal office, except that the municipal clerk need not wait until expiration of the time allowed to file a petition for a recount if there is no aggrieved party, as defined in s. 9.01 (1) (a) 5. When a valid petition for a recount is filed, the municipal clerk shall not issue the certificate of election for the office in question until the recount has been completed and the time allowed for filing an appeal has passed, or if appealed until the appeal is decided.

(5) **LIVE BROADCASTS.** If a municipality or county or the commission broadcasts canvassing proceedings live in any election, including by live stream on the Internet, the municipality, county, or commission shall record the broadcast. The municipal clerk, county clerk, or commission shall retain the recording for the period specified in s. 7.23 (1) (f), unless, in good faith, the municipal clerk, county clerk, or commission is unable to retain the recording because the recording is maintained on an Internet video streaming service that goes out of business or is otherwise removed from the Internet, if the service has been in operation for at least 10 years and has at least 1,000,000 account holders at the time the municipal clerk, county clerk, or commission posts the recording to the service.

History: 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (2); 1977 c. 290, 427, 447; 1979 c. 260; 1981 c. 314; 1983 a. 183, 484; 1985 a. 225; 1985 a. 304 ss. 93, 155; 1987 a. 391; 1989 a. 192; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1999 a. 182; 2005 a. 451; 2007 a. 96; 2011 a. 115; 2015 a. 37, 229, 261; 2019 a. 182; 2023 a. 53.

The canvassing activities conducted at the municipal level pursuant to this section and by school district canvassing boards constitute meetings of governmental bodies and are subject to the requirements of the open meetings law. OAG 5–14.

While canvassing boards must provide the public a reasonable opportunity to meaningfully observe their meetings, they may impose reasonable limits on public access to the extent necessary to protect the effective and orderly conduct of the canvass. The same principles of reasonableness govern the public's opportunity to inspect election documents and materials at canvassing board meetings. OAG 5–14.

7.54 Contested elections. In all contested election cases, the contesting parties have the right to have the ballots opened and to have all errors of the inspectors, either in counting or refusing to count any ballot, corrected by the board of canvassers or court deciding the contest. The ballots and related materials may be opened only in open session of the board of canvassers or in open court and in the presence of the official having custody of them.

History: 1983 a. 484.

This section does not apply when an appeal of the result of a recount by the board of canvassers under s. 9.01 is before an appellate court. *Sewell v. Racine Unified*

School District Board of Canvassers, 2022 W.L.S., 401 W.S. 2158, 972 N.W.2d 1155, 20–1271.

7.60 County canvass. (1) **KEEP OFFICE OPEN.** On election night the county clerk shall keep the clerk's office open to receive reports from the ward inspectors and shall post all returns. On election night the clerk shall post all returns, by ward or reporting unit, on an Internet site maintained by the county no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.

(2) **COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS.** The county clerk and 2 qualified electors of the county appointed by the clerk constitute the county board of canvassers. The members of the board of canvassers shall serve for 2-year terms commencing on January 1 of each even-numbered year, except that any member who is appointed to fill a permanent vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the original appointee. One member of the board of canvassers shall belong to a political party other than the clerk's. The county clerk shall designate a deputy clerk who shall perform the clerk's duties as a member of the board of canvassers in the event that the county clerk's office is vacant, or the clerk cannot perform his or her duties. If the county clerk and designated deputy clerk are both unable to perform their duties, the county executive or, if there is no county executive, the chairperson of the county board of supervisors shall designate another qualified elector of the county to perform the clerk's duties. If a member other than the clerk cannot perform his or her duties, the clerk shall appoint another member to serve. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no person may serve on the county board of canvassers if the person is a candidate for an office to be canvassed by that board. If the clerk is a candidate at an election being canvassed, the clerk may perform his or her duties on the board only if the clerk has no opponent whose name appears on the ballot, or, in the case of a recount, if the office the clerk is seeking is not a subject of the recount. If lists of candidates for the county board of canvassers are submitted to the county clerk by political party county committees, the lists shall consist of at least 3 names and the clerk shall choose the board members from the lists. Where there is a county board of election commissioners, it shall serve as the board of canvassers. If the county board of election commissioners serves as the board of canvassers, the executive director of the county board of election commissioners shall serve as a member of the board of canvassers to fill a temporary vacancy on that board.

(3) **CANVASSING.** Not later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after each election the county board of canvassers shall open and publicly examine the returns. If returns have not been received from any election district or ward in the county, they shall dispatch a messenger and the person having them shall deliver the returns to the messenger. If, on examination, any of the returns received are so informal or defective that the board cannot intelligently canvass them, they shall dispatch a messenger to deliver the returns back to the municipal board of canvassers with written specifications of the informalities or defects and command them to immediately complete the returns or remedy the defects in the manner required and deliver them to the messenger. Every messenger shall safely keep all returns, show them to no one but the municipal clerk and board of canvassers and deliver them to the county clerk with all possible dispatch. To acquire the necessary full returns and remedy any informalities or defects the county board of canvassers may adjourn not longer than one day at a time nor more than 2 days in all.

(4) **STATEMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS.** (a) The board of canvassers shall make separate duplicate statements showing the numbers of votes cast for the offices of president and vice president; state officials; U.S. senators and representatives in congress; state legislators; justice; court of appeals judge; circuit judges; district attorneys; and metropolitan sewerage commissioners, if the commissioners are elected under s. 200.09 (1) (am). If a municipal judge elected under s. 755.01 (4) serves a municipality that is located partially within the county and candidates for that