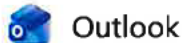


Attachment B

Relevant Supporting Materials:
Madison and Dane County



RE: Absentee ballot question

From Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>
Date Thu 4/9/2026 12:56 PM
To Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Cc McReynolds, Amber <AMcReynolds@cityofmadison.com>; Sharpe, Angela B - ELECTIONS <angela.sharpe@wisconsin.gov>

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Got it, thanks Meagan. I appreciate the feedback.

From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: McReynolds, Amber <AMcReynolds@cityofmadison.com>; Sharpe, Angela B - ELECTIONS <angela.sharpe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee ballot question

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Hi Mike-

Thank you for calling us, we appreciate you letting us know about this issue right away. Coping Amber and Angie on this email.

[Wis. Stat. § 6.87\(6\)](#) states:

The ballot shall be returned so it is delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. [7.52](#), if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place serving the elector's residence before 8 p.m. Any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not be counted.

We advise that the City of Madison make the Municipal Board of Canvass, and the Dane County Board of Canvass aware of this situation and the above referenced statute so that they can decide, within their statutory discretion, if the ballots should be included in the official, certified canvass statement totals.

Meagan

From: Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 4:16 PM
To: Witecha, James - ELECTIONS <james.witecha@wisconsin.gov>; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee ballot question

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Hi Jim,

I don't remember if you are still there so I am copying Meagan as well. Could one of you please call when you have a minute? It's about an absentee ballot question. Feel free to call my direct line or my cell at [REDACTED] Thanks.

Mike



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Amended Agenda
Board of Canvassers**

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Who benefits? Who is burdened?
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Friday, April 10, 2026

4 p.m.

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City Clerk's Office, 608-266-4601

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Members of the body should make any required disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code.

1. Tally results of any provisional ballots for which voters provided missing information by 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2026
2. Review documentation for rejected absentees, and count any absentees that were erroneously rejected
3. Review Inspectors' Statement documentation from select polling locations
4. Certify the results of the April 7, 2026 contests for Madison Common Council Alders.
5. Certify the results of the April 7, 2026 contests for Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education.
6. Certify the results of the April 7, 2026 contests for Dane County Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT



**City of Madison
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Meeting Minutes
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ROLL CALL

4:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

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Updates from Clerk McComas

- a. Regarding 23 ballots that arrived after 8pm due to clerk error.
 - a. Legal opinion provided by Assistant City Attorney McReynolds
 - b. McCubbin motion to include 23 ballots in certification count. Seconded by Banks. Vote passed unanimously.
- b. Regarding ballots received after the deadline and not counted
 - a. 107 and 109 ballots received Wednesday and Thursday.

Agenda

1. Review of Provisional Ballots
 - a. Ward 47 – Burton, Jessica – Counted.
 - b. Ward 51 – Smerlinski, Autumn – Counted
 - c. Ward 53 – Luster, Madison – Counted.
 - d. Ward 87 – Ryan, Maeve – Counted.
2. Review of Rejected Absentee Ballots
 - a. Ward 18 – unsealed: Counted.
 - b. Ward 19 – unsealed: Counted.
 - c. Ward 34 – unsealed: Counted.
 - d. Ward 52 – unsealed: Counted.
 - e. Ward 66 – open/tampered: Not counted.
 - f. Ward 67 – open/tampered: Not counted.
 - g. Ward 71 – unsealed: Counted
 - h. Ward 89 – unsealed: Counted.
 - i. Ward 93 – unsealed: Counted.
 - j. Ward 101 – unsealed: Counted

- k. Ward 103 - open/tampered: Not Counted.
- l. Ward 105 – Witness Address Missing: Both counted.
- m. Ward 111 – unsealed: Counted.

3. Review of Inspector Statements

- a. Ward 109 – MCP totals counted on 3 Bad Ballots: 10, 11, 17. Adjusted totals for MCP School District.
- b. Ward 86 – No absentee documentation.

4. Certification

ADJOURNMENT
5:45 p.m.



City Clerk's Office

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April 13, 2026

To: Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell and the Dane County Board of Canvassers

From: Lydia McComas, Madison City Clerk

Re: Ballots delivered to polling places after 8:00 p.m.

On Election Day, April 7, 2026, twenty-three ballots were delivered to four polling places after 8:00 p.m. These ballots had been in the Clerk's Office's custody since Monday, April 6, 2026. These ballots were part of a larger batch of absentee ballots sent to individual polling places. The courier left around 6:30 p.m., but due to a longer-than-usual delivery time, the courier arrived at the last four polling places shortly after polls closed.

When the Clerk's Office was made aware that there may be absentee ballots delivered to polling places after polls closed, I reached out to the City Attorney's Office. City Attorney Haas advised the Clerk's Office to have Chief Inspectors mark each late arriving ballot and count it with the other ballots. Please see Attorney McReynolds's memorandum detailing the legal basis for this action.

Ward	Number of ballots	Time delivered
Ward 77	1 ballot	8:05 p.m.
Ward 75	5 ballots	8:05 p.m.
Ward 132	2 ballots	8:10 p.m.
Ward 78/79	15 ballots	8:31 p.m.

On April 10, 2026, the Madison Municipal Board of Canvassers decided to accept the twenty-three late delivered ballots as counted.

McDonell, Scott

From: County Clerk Mail
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 7:47 AM
To: McDonell, Scott
Subject: FW: 2026 Spring Election Canvass and Absentee Ballots Not Processed at Polling Places on Election Day

From the cc inbox.

Patti

From: Nick Boerke <nick@njblaw.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 10:59 PM
To: McReynolds, Amber <AMcReynolds@cityofmadison.com>; McComas Lydia <lmccomas@cityofmadison.com>; Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Jenna Banfield <jbanfield@wis.gop>; County Clerk Mail <county.clerk@danecounty.gov>
Subject: RE: 2026 Spring Election Canvass and Absentee Ballots Not Processed at Polling Places on Election Day

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Amber,

Thank you for the prompt response and clarification. It was my understanding that the ballot envelopes and ballots at issue were never delivered to polling locations and therefore not counted on election day, but that they would somehow be processed, opened, and counted at the initial county canvass under Wis. Stat § 7.60. Your clarification that the ballots were delivered (albeit after 8pm) but still counted at polling locations on election day is helpful at narrowing the issue. However, we still maintain that the statutory language is clear—absentee ballots that are not timely delivered to polling locations before 8pm may not be counted.

With regard to your citation of case law, *Johnson v. Hayden*, 105 Wis. 2d 468, 313 N.W.2d 869 (Ct. App. 1981), it is not on point because it concerns the authority and decisions of the Board of Canvassers sitting in their capacity during a recount under Wis. Stat. § 9.01, not in a ministerial role under Wis. Stat. § 7.60.

We very strongly disagree with the assertion from the WEC investigation that somehow the Board of Canvassers would have the legal authority to review and process additional absentee ballot envelopes and count new ballots during an initial post-election canvass. That said, we appreciate your clarification that no such situation is present here.

Nick



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From: McReynolds, Amber <AMcReynolds@cityofmadison.com>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 1:32 PM

To: Nick Boerke <nick@njbilaw.net>; McComas, Lydia A <LMcComas@cityofmadison.com>; Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Jenna Banfield <jbansfield@wis.gop>; county.clerk@danecounty.gov

Subject: RE: 2026 Spring Election Canvass and Absentee Ballots Not Processed at Polling Places on Election Day

Attorney Boerke,

Thank you for reaching out.

The 23 ballots you reference were timely returned, received, and in the custody of the Clerk's Office as the voters intended. The ballots were delivered to specific polling locations and counted on April 7 shortly after 8pm, so I understand your concern. The City has contacted the WEC about this issue and was advised to make the Municipal Board of Canvass, and the Dane County Board of Canvass aware of this situation and the Boards can decide, within their statutory discretion, if the ballots should be included in the official, certified canvass statement totals.

It is the City's position that these counted ballots should remain included in the certified canvass totals. Specifically, under *Johnson v. Hayden*, 105 Wis. 2d 468, 313 N.W.2d 869 (Ct. App. 1981): "A challenge of compliance with procedures for absent voting is within the board of canvassers' jurisdiction. Absent connivance, fraud, or undue influence, substantial compliance with statutory voting procedures is sufficient."

In this situation, there was no connivance, fraud, or undue influence and the Clerk's office and election officials substantially complied with the statutory voting procedures.

The City's position is also consistent with the Commission's position regarding past uncounted ballots. The City received significant criticism from the Commission for failing to bring timely received but uncounted ballots to the City, County, and State canvass. The WEC specifically wrote that the county canvass could have counted ballots that were in the City Clerk's custody but had not been counted at the polls:

"At the time the Ward 65 ballots were found, the county canvass was continuing, and those ballots could have easily been counted." In re Investigation of the City of Madison July 17, 2025
P. 14 ¶8 – p. 15 ¶ 1.

Given the information the City has regarding these ballots, the case law, and the City's understanding of Commission positions, the City had a legal basis for counting the ballots and the Boards of Canvassers have a legal basis to include these in their certifications.

Sincerely,

Amber McReynolds

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From: Nick Boerke <nick@njblaw.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2026 10:01 AM
To: Madison Votes <madisonvotes@cityofmadison.com>; McComas, Lydia A <LMcComas@cityofmadison.com>; Haas, Michael R <MHaas@cityofmadison.com>; McReynolds, Amber <AMcReynolds@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Jenna Banfield <jbansfield@wis.gop>; county.clerk@danecounty.gov
Subject: 2026 Spring Election Canvass and Absentee Ballots Not Processed at Polling Places on Election Day
Importance: High

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Dear City of Madison Clerk and City Attorney,

I write on behalf of the Republican Party of Wisconsin regarding certain absentee ballots that were not timely delivered to their designated polling place on April 7, 2026. Because those ballots were not delivered, they were not received, processed, tabulated, or counted on election day as required by law. We understand there are plans to count these ballots during canvass on Monday, April 13, 2026, and we write to respectfully inquire about the legal basis for doing so.

Under Wis. Stat. § 6.87(6), the law is clear and mandatory: **an absentee ballot that is not timely delivered to the polling place on election day "may not be counted."** Section 6.88, as applicable to the City of Madison, further requires that absentee ballot processing must occur at the polling place on election day. The canvass process is designed to compile and certify results from votes already lawfully counted on election day with the lone and express exception of provisional ballots under Wis. Stat. § 6.97. The canvass is a ministerial process, not a vehicle for processing absentee ballots that were never received at a polling place by the statutory deadline nor a mechanism to conduct an unauthorized recount outside the specific authority of Wis. Stat. § 9.01.

We recognize this situation may have resulted from an unfortunate logistical failure. However, administrative error does not create statutory authority that otherwise does not exist. Voting absentee is a privilege granted by the Legislature that comes with inherent risks and the election day deadline for the receipt, processing, tabulation, and counting is mandatory.

We therefore respectfully request that the City provide, in writing, the specific legal authority upon which it intends to rely in counting these ballots at canvass. We also request that no such ballots are counted without satisfactory legal justification or other appropriate authorization.

We are copying the Dane County Clerk given the County's role in the canvass under Wis. Stat. § 7.60.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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**CITY OF MADISON
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
Room 401, CCB
266-4511**

Date: April 9, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Attorney Mike Haas
FROM: ACA Amber McReynolds
RE: Interpretation of Wis. Stat. §6.87
CC: Dane County Corporation Counsel

Wis Stat 6.87(6) reads as follows:

“The ballot shall be returned so it is delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place serving the elector’s residence before 8 p.m. Any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not be counted.”

The annotated cases which follow Wis. Stat. 6.87 provide guidance for a situation where absentee ballots arrive at the Clerk’s office, are in the Clerk’s custody, but do not arrive to their designated polling place before 8 p.m. *Updated 2023-24 Wis. Stats. Published and certified under s. 35.18. April 3, 2026* linked here:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/6.pdf>

Lanser v. Koconis is particularly instructive:

“The directions in sub. (3) for mailing or personal delivery of an absentee ballot and in sub. (6) that a ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in the section should not be counted are directory and not mandatory. *Lanser v. Koconis*, 62 Wis. 2d 86, 214 N.W.2d 425 (1974). (emphasis added).

The *Lanser* court noted:

“ ‘The difference between mandatory and directory provisions of election statutes lies in the consequence of nonobservance: An act done in violation of a mandatory provision is void, whereas an act done in violation of a directory provision, while improper, may nevertheless be valid. Deviations from directory provisions of election statutes are usually termed ‘irregularities,’ and, as has been shown in the preceding subdivision, such irregularities do not vitiate an election. Statutes giving directions as to the mode and manner of conducting elections will be construed by the courts as directory, unless a noncompliance with their terms is expressly declared to be fatal, or will change or render doubtful the result, as where the statute merely provides that certain things shall be done in a given manner and time without declaring that conformity to such provisions is essential to the validity of the election.” *Lanser* (citing *Gradinjan v. Boho* (1966), 29 Wis.2d 674, 681, 139 N.W.2d 557, 561,). (emphasis added).

In addition, *Johnson v. Hayden* shows that the board of canvassers has jurisdiction to review challenges of compliance with absentee voting procedures:

“A challenge of compliance with procedures for absent voting is within the board of canvassers’ jurisdiction. Absent connivance, fraud, or undue influence, substantial compliance with statutory voting procedures is sufficient. *Johnson v. Hayden*, 105 Wis. 2d 468, 313 N.W.2d 869 (Ct. App. 1981). (emphasis added).

In the situation presented where ballots in the Clerk’s custody arrived to a polling location after 8pm, there was no fraud or undue influence and the Clerk’s office and election officials substantially complied with the statutory voting procedures.

The last consideration of whether to count absentee ballots received by the Clerk’s office but not delivered to the polling place by 8pm and to include that count in the canvass results comes from the City’s experience with the Wisconsin Election Commission’s investigation into uncounted ballots in the November 2024 election. While the two situations have factual differences, what they have in common is that they involve absentee ballots properly returned to the Clerk’s office and received by the Clerk’s Office before 8pm on election day. Taking the WEC’s view of facts from November 2024, both situations also involve properly received ballots that were not delivered by 8pm to the polling location on election day. The City received significant criticism for failing to bring the uncounted ballots to the County canvass and the State canvass once they were

discovered. The WEC specifically stated that the county canvass could have counted the found ballots:

"At the time the Ward 65 ballots were found, the county canvass was continuing, and those ballots could have easily been counted." *In re Investigation of the City of Madison* July 17, 2025 P. 14 ¶8 – p. 15 ¶ 1.

The WEC also said that the uncounted ballots should have been brought to the attention of the Commission:

"no urgent action was taken to confirm either the existence of those ballots, or to notify the Commission of the matter such that direction could be given as to how to address them prior to state certification." *In re Investigation of the City of Madison* July 17, 2025 P. 15 ¶2

For the reasons stated above, the City Attorney's Office concludes that the 23 absentee ballots that arrived to polling places after 8pm on April 7 were properly counted. In fact, if these ballots had not been counted, the ballots should have been provided to the municipal board of canvass to count and then included for the county board of canvassers to also count since "those ballots could have easily been counted". *In re Investigation of the City of Madison* July 17, 2025 P. 14 ¶8 – p. 15 ¶ 1.

6.87 Absent voting procedure.

- (6) The ballot shall be returned so it is delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on election day. Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, if the municipal clerk receives an absentee ballot on election day, the clerk shall secure the ballot and cause the ballot to be delivered to the polling place serving the elector's residence before 8 p.m. Any ballot not mailed or delivered as provided in this subsection may not be counted.



Dane County

Meeting Agenda - Final

Board of Canvassers

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Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting, County Clerk's Office - CCB
Conference Room 106A

Hybrid Meeting, County Clerk's Office - CCB Conference Room 106A

Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

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A. Call To Order

B. Consideration of Minutes

2025 MIN-681 February 23, 2026 Board of Canvass Minutes

Attachments: February 23, 2026 Board of Canvass Minutes

C. Election of Committee Chair

D. Conduct the Canvass of the April 7, 2026 Spring Election

1. Conduct the Canvass of the Votes Cast for the Following Offices:

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 Towns of Albion

Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge - Town of Roxbury

E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

F. Adjourn to Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Board of Canvassers

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Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 AM Hybrid Meeting, County Clerk's Office - CCB Conference
Room 106A

Hybrid Meeting, County Clerk's Office - CCB Conference Room 106A

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9 am. Commissioners Paulson, Willett, and McDonell were present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)

February 23, 2026 Board of Canvass Minutes

[MIN-681](#)

Attachments: [February 23, 2026 Board of Canvass Minutes](#)

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by Paulson that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote. PAULSON abstained.

C. Election of Committee Chair

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by PAULSON to elect MCDONELL Chair. Motion passed on a voice vote.

D. Conduct the Canvass of the April 7, 2026 Spring Election

1. Conduct the Canvass of the Votes Cast for the Following Offices:

The Board heard a presentation from City of Madison Clerk McComas about 23 absentee ballots that arrived at some polling locations after 8 pm. Discussion ensued including Dave Gault from the Dane County Corporation Counsel office if the ballots should be counted, as they were counted on election night and at the city of Madison Municipal Board of Canvass. See attached documents.

Motion by MCDONELL, second by WILLETT to affirm the decision of the City of Madison Municipal Board of Canvassers to count the late arriving absentee ballots. MCDONELL, PAULSON vote aye. WILLETT votes no.

Justice of the Supreme Court

Court of Appeals District 4

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Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge - City of Edgerton and Towns of Albion

Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge - Town of Roxbury

E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

F. Adjourn to Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The Board adjourned until 9 am on Tuesday April 14th.

2025
RPT-866

Board of Canvassers - Summary Statements for State and County Offices

Attachments: [Summary Statement of BOC - County](#)
[Summary Statement of BOC - State](#)

2025
RPT-865

City of Madison, Municipal Board of Canvass - Absentee Information

Attachments: [C. Madison Municipal Board of Canvass Absentee information](#)

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April 7, 2026 Spring Election - Inspector Statements

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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, April 14, 2026

9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting
County Clerk's Office
CCB Conference Room 106A

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A. Call To Order

The Board was called to order at 9:03 am. All members were present.

B. Conduct the Canvass of the April 7, 2026 Spring Election

1. Conduct the Canvass of the Votes Cast for the Following Offices:

The Board continued to canvass the election results focusing on the City of Madison.

Upon reviewing the changes made by the Madison Municipal Board of Canvass members had questions for Clerk McComas including why open absentee ballot envelopes were counted at the Canvass and why two absentee envelopes with no witness addresses were counted.

Motion by WILLETT, second by PAULSON, to not accept the Madison Municipal Board of Canvass changes that included unsealed ballot envelopes. Vote was unanimous.

Motion by WILLETT, second by PAULSON, to not accept the two absentee ballot envelopes and ballots that did not have any witness addresses that were counted by the Madison Municipal Board of Canvassers. Vote was unanimous.

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

C. Certification of Election Results to the County Clerk

A motion was made by PAULSON, second by WILLETT, to certify the results as amended by the Board. See attached. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

E. Adjourn

A motion was made by WILLETT, second by PAULSON, to adjourn. Vote was unanimous at 12:17 pm.

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Board of Canvassers - Summary Statements for State and County Offices

Attachments: [Summary Statement of BOC - County](#)
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City of Madison, Municipal Board of Canvass - Absentee Information

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