



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Special Teleconference Meeting
201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
10:30 a.m. November 22, 2024

Canvass Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, by teleconference.

Staff present: Robert Kehoe, Anna Langdon, Riley Willman, and Meagan Wolfe, all by teleconference.

Canvass of the official results of the November 5, 2024, Special Election in Congressional District 8

Commission Chair Jacobs began the canvass at 10:30 a.m. She stated that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.70(3), she was reviewing the official canvass statement for the Special Election in Congressional District 8, which ran concurrently with the November 5, 2024 General Election. She clarified that Wis. Stat. § 7.70(3)a requires special elections to be canvassed within 18 days and noted that the contests for the General Election would be canvassed at an open meeting held on November 29.

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Chair that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings laws.

Chair Jacobs stated that she had examined the canvass statement for the special election in Congressional District 8. She noted one omission identified by staff in Wards 1 and 2 in the Village of Birnamwood in Shawano and Marathon Counties. She gave the following statement regarding the issue:

I have examined and have before me the canvass statement for the Special Election in Congressional District 8. One omission that was identified by staff are the results in Wards 1 and 2 in the Village of Birnamwood in Marathon and Shawano County. In the Village of Birnamwood, Ward 1 is located in Shawano County and Congressional District 8, and Ward 2 is located in Marathon County and Congressional District 7. On Election Day, a poll worker used a Ward 2-specific ballot for votes who resided in Ward 1. 105 voters in the Village of Birnamwood Ward 1 in Shawano County and Congressional District 8 were issued a ballot with Congressional District 7 and Marathon County Clerk, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds. All other contests on the ballot were the same in both wards within the village.

This error was discovered around 1 p.m. on Election Day, and poll workers promptly contacted the respective county clerks and the WEC. The error in the Village of Birnamwood did not result

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in votes being cast in the special election for Congressional District 8 by voters who did not live in Congressional District 8.

Chair Jacobs asked Administrator Wolfe if any other errors or omissions were identified by staff for the special election in Congressional District 8. Administrator Wolfe answered that no other errors or omissions had been identified in the staff review.

Chair Jacobs then signed the official canvass statement and displayed the signed statement to the meeting attendees.

Chair Jacobs announced that the canvass statement was now signed and would be made public on the WEC website along with a statement from the Village of Birnamwood clerk and the Marathon County board of canvass. She concluded the canvass at 10:33 a.m.

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November 22, 2024, Wisconsin Election Commission canvass minutes prepared by:



Anna Langdon, Help Desk Staff

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