

ELECTION BOARD Meeting, March 4, 2026, 3:30pm

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance

New Business:

Chair, R-John Jurgonski stated they had an Executive Session prior to this meeting; these were “law cases” and they “have to keep the lawyer on these cases.” D- Jason Cichowicz stated there were “material limitations” that keep them from saying anything. Clerk Amy Rolfes chimed in to agree; these cases were in Superior Court and will likely “go downstate” to the Election Commission for their opinion. *NOTE: Amy Rolfes DID sit at the dais for this meeting, despite being on the current ballot. Jurgonski also reported that ‘yesterday 3 R’s and 2 D’s went over the ballots’ to ensure ‘correctness’ and that “most were OK.” He commended the clerk’s office for their work.

Ballot Room keys were distributed:

Jurgonski received one key; his proxy, R-Mercedes (Medlin) – R, VR Supervisor in the Clerk’s office, received one key. D member Cichowicz received one key; his proxy, D-Marissa Davis – D, VR Supervisor in the Clerk’s office received one key.

Kim Riskovitch, R-Election Clerk, advised that the ballots need board approval. Board approved 3-0. Nick, from RBM, stated that with this approval he can begin his work and enter the data. These ballots will be posted at every polling location.

Old Business:

Riskovitch and Trisha Carrico, R-Deputy Clerk, reported the Elections Administration Office is now located on the 4th floor in the former City of South Bend City Clerk’s office.

The ballot room has been relocated up there and it is “the most secure ballot room” (can you hear the MAGA in her words?) There is an area for preparations in the back. They are waiting on IT to set up cameras.

Public Comment:

- I made 2 comments; the first asked when information on Travel Board will be ready. The second reminded them there was no zoom link in the agenda. Trisha told me the machine was not working, but this is critical for EB meetings.
- Mike McManus noted that Michael Smyth, the attorney for the Election Board, responded to individual Board members questions for advice during the hearing, and thus there is at least the appearance of possible ethics conflicts if he is also defending the Board in the suit filed against it by those challenging Schaetzle. Mike suggested that the Board hire a separate attorney to defend it in court.
- Kim reminded everyone to send any VR documents to her.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm