

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
March 26, 2026 — 9:00 a.m.
City Hall Erickson Conference Room

Chairman Roger Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioners David Christensen and Steve Medhurst, Executive Director Lisa Watson, and Assistant Bill Gohring. Also present were Jeannette Chernin, Darla Krejci, and Tony Franklin.

After reviewing the minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting, David made a motion to approve the minutes. Steven Medhurst seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Old Business:

Memo Only Budget— David Christensen provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget. Revenue for January 2026 was \$443.00. Revenue for February was \$311.00. Expenses for January were \$32, 930.00. Expenses for February were \$26,466.00. At the end of February checking balance was \$95,740.00. Steven Medhurst made a motion to accept the memo only budget. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Provisional Ballot Validation (7) –

4 provisional ballots resulted from voters not surrendering their Vote-By-Mail ballots and voting at their polling place. The Vote-By-Mail ballots were not voted, and the recommendation was to approve the provisional ballots.

1 provisional ballot resulted from the voter not providing required ID. The voter provided the required ID by the state deadline, and the recommendation was to approve the provisional ballot.

2 provisional ballots resulted from voters failing to provide ID for Election Day Registration. The voters failed to provide the required ID by the state deadline, and the recommendation was to not approve the provisional ballots.

Steven Medhurst made a motion to accept the 5 provisional ballots recommended for approval. David Christensen seconded. Motion was approved. Steven Medhurst made a motion to not accept the 2 provisional ballots not recommended for approval. David Christensen seconded. Motion was approved.

2026 Primary Election – March 17, 2026

Commissioners' Recap

Weather this year was bad. We had blizzard conditions and cold temperatures. The weather for the comparable June 2022 election was sunny with mid-90-degree temperature. The voter turnout was similar.

Judges and setup team did a great job.

Five students, at least seventeen years of age, served as election judges with the permission of their parents, and all did a great job.

Our new ballot design team did a great job.

Thanks to Bill Gohring for his timely maintenance of the voter records so that we were able to sync with the state on the first allowable day. This allowed us to print our Precinct Poll Books in a timely manner.

Thank you to Chief Legate and the Galesburg Police Department for the provision of the roving patrol, and for the use of the Public Safety Lobby for pick-up of Election Supplies.

New Business:

Confirm Canvass – Tuesday April 7, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. The date has been confirmed.

Invoices & Supplies— Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the invoices for the month of February. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried. Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the supply list for the month of February. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule April meeting—The next commissioners' meeting was scheduled for April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the basement conference room.

Other: The commissioners gave out 10 certificates of achievement to election judges with 10 or more years of service. Nancy Leonard, a judge at First Church of God, received an award for 50 years of service. Richard Padilla, a judge at Faith United Methodist Church, received an award for 25 years of service.

The Galesburg Public Library proved to be a good polling location.

Steven Medhurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.