

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
August 20, 2026 — 9:00 a.m.
City Hall Erickson Conference Room

David Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attending were Commissioners Steve Medhurst and George Burgland, Director Lisa Watson, and Assistant Bill Gohring. Also in attendance were Darla Krejci and Jeannette Chernin.

After reviewing the minutes from the July 30, 2026 meeting and the July 23, 2026 meeting, Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the minutes. George Burgland 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. Total expenses for the month of July were \$10,693.00. Total revenue for the month of July was \$728.00. The checking balance is \$57,848.00.

2026 General Election – November 3, 2026

Bulk Mailing – Optional Permanent Vote by Mail Application Update – Bill Gohring presented the PVBM Application update. 14,700+ applications were mailed to voters who had not registered for Permanent Vote by Mail or who had not previously opted out of Permanent Vote by Mail mailings. As of August 20, 2026 a total of 1126 applications had been returned. 166 voters returned opt out applications; 156 voters returned Permanent Vote by Mail applications; 25 voters returned single ballot applications; and the United States Post Office returned 750 applications marked “Moved within the city”, “Moved out of the city”, or “Undeliverable”.

Makeup Election Judge Training – October 17 & October 30 – Makeup training sessions are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Erickson Conference Room on Saturday, October 17, 2026 and on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Public Test – October 24 at 11:00 a.m. – The Public Test will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2026 in the city hall basement conference room.

Roving Patrol Update – The Roving Patrol has been well received by voters and judges in past elections. For the November 3, 2026 election the Galesburg Police will conduct drive byes at polling places. Officers will also conduct walkthroughs at polling places. They will not be standing around in polling places.

Dray list Setup – George Burgland will oversee First Church of God and the Public Library Community Room polling locations. Steven Medhurst will oversee Grace Anglican Church, First Church of the Nazarene, and Faith United Methodist Church

polling locations. David Christensen will oversee Bethel Baptist Church polling location. Delivery of tabulators will depend on support. Reminder – lock wheels on tabulators during transportation.

Provisional Validation – November 13, 2026 – The validation meeting will take place on November 13, 2026 in the City Hall Erickson Conference Room. For comparison, we had 32 provisional ballots that required validation for the last presidential election. Most of them were the result of signatures on Vote by Mail ballots not matching the signature on file. David Christensen will not be available until November 16, 2026.

Official Results – November 24, 2026 – The official results meeting will take place on November 24, 2026 in the City Hall Erickson Conference Room.

New Business:

Fujitsu Document Scanner

Quote – The scanner issue has been resolved with the assistance of the City IT team.

Promotions – After a brief discussion, Steven Medhurst made a motion to name David Christensen as Board chairman, Steven Medhurst as Vice-Chairman, and George Burgland as Secretary. George Burgland seconded. Motion passed.

Invoices & Supplies— Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the invoices for the month of July and to approve the supply list for the month of August. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule September meeting—The next commissioners’ meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Steven Medhurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Executive Director