

Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
City of Galesburg, Illinois
July 23, 2026 — 9:00 a.m.
City Hall Erickson Conference Room

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

After reviewing the minutes from the June 30, 2026 meeting, Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the minutes. David Christensen seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Old Business:

Memo Only Budget – Current & FY 2027 -- David Christensen provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget. Total expenses for June were \$10,427.00 and total revenue for June was \$12,370.00. The checking balance was \$67,978.00. David Christensen also provided an overview of the Memo Only Budget for 2027. Expected expenses for 2027 are \$179,265.00 and expected revenue is \$189,369.00. There is only one election in 2027, and expenses and revenue are expected to be like 2025. Steven Medhurst made a motion to accept the Fiscal 2027 Memo Only Budget. George Burgland seconded. Motion passed.

2026 General Election – November 3, 2026

Ballot Quantity Recommendations –Lisa Watson presented a Ballot Quantity recommendation based on past even year General Elections. The recommended quantity of ballots for this year's General Election is 17,379. The cost is \$5023.00. Ballots are essential and substantially less expensive than election software and Election Judge payroll. Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the Ballot Order recommendation. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Election Training – October 1, 2026 – Training will be in the Galesburg Public Library Community Room on October 1, 2026 Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Roving Patrol – During the last couple of elections the Galesburg Police Department has provided a roving patrol outside of the polling places. In addition, they have also walked through polling locations. This was well received by voters and election judges. Steven Medhurst made a motion to request the Galesburg Police Department to provide a roving patrol including a walkthrough of polling locations for the November 3, 2026 election. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Bulk Mailing – Optional Permanent Vote By Mail Application Update – The State of Illinois requires all election offices to mail an optional Permanent Vote By Mail Application every two years to all registered voters who have not signed up or opted out

of Permanent Vote By Mail. This year's mailing is scheduled to be mailed to 14,700 voters on August 5, 2026.

New Business:

2027 Election

Signature Requirements & Nomination Paperwork – Lisa Watson presented the Office Steps for prospective candidates for the 2027 Consolidate Election. The Executive Director covers the requirements with each candidate. 100% of local candidates have run as independent candidates in the past. This saves the commission an estimated minimum additional expense of \$20,000 by not having to put on a primary election. Independent candidates can start picking up their paperwork on August 25, 2026. Each candidate is entitled to one free walklist. Steven Medhurst made a motion to accept the Signature Requirements and Nomination Paperwork packet as presented. George Burgland Seconded. Motion carried.

Simultaneous Filing Lottery Date – November 24, 2026 @ 8:40 a.m. was proposed for the Lottery date, and October 22, 2026 @ 8:40 a.m. was proposed as the partisan date. Steven Medhurst made a motion to accept these dates. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of Election Judges – 2026-2028 – Postponed to July 30, 2026.

Commissioner Retirement & Vacancy

Resolution – David Christensen proposed a resolution thanking Roger Williamson for his 16 years of invaluable service to the Board of Election Commissioners and to the voters of Galesburg. David Christensen made a motion that the resolution be included in the minutes. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Update – David Christensen welcomed Court-Appointed Commissioner George G. Burgland.

Invoices & Supplies— Steven Medhurst made a motion to approve the invoices and supplies for the month of May. George Burgland seconded. Motion carried.

Schedule August Meeting—The next commissioners' meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Other: A meeting for the Appointment of Election Judges for 2026-2028 is scheduled for July 30, 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 9:57 a.m.

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Commissioner

Executive Director