



CITY OF BURTON

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 14, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

12:00 PM

**4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519**

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Jim Craig, City Clerk Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Board Member Rick Fuhst, Board Member James Shustock, Board Member Deb Walton

Absent: None

B. Audience Participation

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street stated that he spoke with Representative Martin at the Goodwill grand opening in Burton and expressed his concerns about the August primaries possibly being moved to May. He also expressed his concerns to the City Council so that everyone would be on the same page, as far as any possible change would go.

Ms. Boggs stated that the candidates and clerks that she had spoken with all expressed concerns about it as well and when we find out some real information on that we will let everyone know.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Election Commission Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2025
Election Commission Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026

Motion by Board Member Fuhst, second by Board Member Craig, to Approve Minutes from December and January.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Rick Fuhst, James Shustock, Deb Walton

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 5 - 0.

D. New Business

1. **Approve and authorize the printing and use of ballots to be used at the May 5, 2026, Special Election.**

Motion by Board Member Fuhst, second by Board Member Walton, to Approve and authorize printing and use of ballots to be used for May 5, 2026.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Rick Fuhst, James Shustock, Deb Walton

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 5 - 0.

2. **Approve and authorize the appointment of Election Workers for the May 5, 2026, Special Election.**

Motion by Board Member Walton, second by Board Member Shustock, to Approve election workers list for May 5, 2026.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Rick Fuhst, James Shustock, Deb Walton

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 5 - 0.

3. **Approve and authorize Public Accuracy Testing to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM for the May 5, 2026, Special Election.**

Motion by Board Member Walton, second by Board Member Fuhst, to Approve public accuracy testing to be held on April 28, 2026.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Rick Fuhst, James Shustock, Deb Walton

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 5 - 0.

E. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 PM.

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CITY OF BURTON
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2025
MINUTES

City Clerk's Office

Regular Meeting

12:00 PM

4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Jim Craig, City Clerk Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Board Member Rick Fuhst, Board Member James Shustock

Absent: Board Member Deb Walton

B. Audience Participation

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street in Burton posed questions regarding new election equipment and election workers.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Election Commission Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2025

Motion to Table Minutes for October 7, 2025 until next meeting.

Motion by Board Member Craig, second by Board Member Fuhst, to Table.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Racheal Ervin-Boggs, Rick Fuhst, James Shustock

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 4 - 0.

D. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action on a proposal by the City Clerk for the permanent consolidation of the City of Burton voting precincts.

Ms. Boggs explained that we are required by state law to purchase new election equipment and computers for the upcoming elections that are priced at approximately \$15,500 per machine. She also went over all the details on the spreadsheets and graphs listed on the proposal, detailing the savings in the cost of equipment, labor and supplies by consolidating precincts from 12 to 7. Reducing from 12 precincts to 7 is a cost savings of approximately \$10,000 per election at three elections per year is a cost savings of approximately \$30,000 per year. New Testament Church would no longer be a polling location, effective in 2026. We would be going from 4 polling locations to 3 polling locations. Precinct 8 voters will vote at Atherton; Precinct 9 voters will vote at Blessed Sacrament Parish. This will require a notice of change for 3,227 voters that will be affected out of the 24,781 voters in the city. Every voter except precinct 2 will receive a new Voter ID card with the new precinct number in 2026. The consolidation means fewer supplies and workers, better allocation of city staff, less paperwork, quicker election set-up and tear down, easier canvass and audit, which is more efficient. This will eliminate the struggle to find workers for presidential elections with the ability to rotate workers with more flexibility.

Mr. Craig asked if we could purchase the election equipment machines one at a time or do we have to purchase them all at once?

Ms. Boggs states all at once. The county selects the vendor with input from local Clerks.

Mr. Shustock asked what would happen to the old equipment? How is it destroyed?

Ms. Boggs explained that the last time this was done, the state picked them up and properly destroyed them.

Mr. Shustock asked about the election workers list and if we would be able to move workers around when needed?

Ms. Boggs stated yes and explained the process for planning the election workers list and all that it entails.

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street stated that the election workers would have time to get used to the changes before the next presidential election.

Ms. Boggs recommended that the board take the information home, look it over again, discuss it within your groups, family, friends, neighbors, and we can meet again after the holidays. This is a big change and I want to make sure everyone has enough time to make an informed decision.

E. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on: January 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

A meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2026, at 12:00 PM to discuss and possibly take action on the consolidation of precincts.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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