

Delaware County Board of Elections – Minutes – Meeting of May 6, 2025

Board and staff in attendance

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair

Scott Alberts, Member

John C. McMeekin II, Member

Jim Allen, Election Director

J. Manly Parks, Solicitor

Meeting called to order

Pledge of allegiance

Review of agenda

Public Comment

Joy Schwartz commented on and objected to the proposal at a previous meeting to move the polling place in Parkside. Laura Lewis commented on election-equipment security. Carris Kocher suggested oaths signed by workers should be amended with a statement of allegiance, and she expressed concern with assigning the Election Director to address any emergencies.

Authorization for Director to make emergency changes

The Board considered a motion by Member Alberts that was seconded by Member McMeekin to authorize the Election Director to address election-administration matters, including emergencies such as appointments of poll workers or relocating polling places. Member McMeekin asked for examples, and Mr. Allen cited issues with last-minute court rulings that can change rules for processing ballots in the final week. Mr. Parks said the more common situations involve having the Director and staff work to appoint poll workers where there are vacancies on local Election Boards in the five days before the election. Motion was approved 3-0.

The Director and Board discussed possible hearings on provisional ballots on May 23 and/or May 27 and other activities before and after the Memorial Day weekend.

Member Alberts moved and Member McMeekin seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was approved.