

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

John Adams, Chair Teddi Benson, Secretary Kelsey Brown, Member Debbie Burris, Member Dree Wynkoop, Member

ABSENTEE BOARD MINUTES Monday, November 3, 2025 5:00PM

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met on November 3, 2025, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy for the statutorily mandated Pre-election Absentee Meeting. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Kelsey Brown, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop were present. BOE staff, Director Kimberly Walter and Deputy Director Donna Moore were present.

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

The Board Meeting Agenda was presented. Member Wynkoop made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Benson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

October 28, 2025, Absentee Board meeting minutes were presented. Member Burris made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Brown seconded the motion. All Members were in favor. The minutes were approved, signed and returned to BOE office staff to file and to post on the BOE website.

Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Board Review of Returned Absentee Ballots

Director Walter advised that one ballot has been returned and is available for the Board to review. She presented the Board with the Absentee Voter Correspondence List and one sealed envelope containing the Absentee ballot that was returned since the last Absentee Board meeting. Each Member carefully reviewed the return envelope, determined that it was to be accepted, and signed the report verifying the received Absentee packet was reviewed and accepted.

Member Wynkoop made a motion to open the Absentee Ballot packets and to run the accepted ballot in the tabulator. Member Benson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Member Wynkoop confirmed the beginning count on the tabulator was six, inserted the accepted ballot from this meeting into the tabulator and Member Benson and Member Wynkoop announced the ending count on the tabulator was seven.

Director Walter explained that she must upload the Certified List of Executed Absentee Ballots and Certificate signed by the Chair to the State by 10AM tomorrow. She presented the Board with blank absentee abstract form and Certificate of Oath. Chair Adams said that he could not complete the abstract form presented to him because results of an election cannot be revealed until polls close tomorrow night. Director Walter explained that it is to close poll for the Absentees and that polls for supplemental absentees, which is a different machine/stick for absentees received after tonight's 5:00PM meeting, will be closed tomorrow. Member Benson

made a motion to close poll. Member Wynkoop seconded and all were in favor. Poll was closed, the results tape presented, and all Member signed the tape. Chair Adams noted that oath form presented was the "Supplemental Certificate of Executed Ballots" and it certifies approval of executed absentee ballots voted in the November 4, 2025, election that had been received not later than 7:30pm on the day of the municipal election and would not sign the form. Director Walter noted she was following the guidance provided in the "Election Day Reminders" she received from the State and presented that document to Chair Adams. He read it aloud and pointed out that the form requested must be different than the form presented as the one presented says "Supplemental" and is not for these absentee ballots. Director Walter said that he has the only form she could find based on the guidance provided in the document. He directed her to submit the List of Executed Absentee Ballots as instructed in the reminder, but he would not sign the form because it is not correct. Director Walter turned the Absentee machine off and shut it down.

Chair Adams stated that last week the Board discussed doing provisionals next week, but the law changed and the provisionals must be counted by Friday at 5PM. Therefore, the Board will meet and count provisionals on Thursday morning at 8AM and do hand-eye count at 10AM.

With no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Member Wynkoop made the motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28PM.

CHAIR

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