



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

### **ABSENTEE BOARD MINUTES** **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** **5:00PM**

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met on February 17, 2026, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy for the required weekly absentee meeting. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Kelsey Brown, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop attended. 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 Benson made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the January 27, 2026 and February 10, 2026 Board meetings were presented. Member Burris made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved, signed and returned to BOE office staff to file and to post of BOE website.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business

#### **New Business**

##### **Board Review of Returned Absentee Ballots**

Director Walter reported that fourteen ballot packets have been returned since the last Absentee Meeting and are ready for the Board to review. Director Walter presented the Board with the Absentee Voter Correspondence List and fourteen sealed envelopes containing the returned Absentee ballots. Each Member carefully reviewed each return envelope and determined that thirteen were to be accepted and one was to be denied due to a deficiency (missing witness signature). Each Member signed the report verifying each Absentee packet received was reviewed and noted the decision to approve thirteen packets.

There is a standing motion to open the accepted Absentee Ballot packets and run the enclosed ballots in the tabulator from first Absentee Board Meeting held on 1/27/2026. Members confirmed the beginning count on the tabulator was four. Members Benson and Brown ran each accepted ballot in the tabulator and announced the ending count on the tabulator was seventeen.

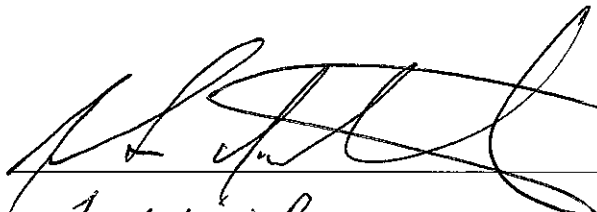

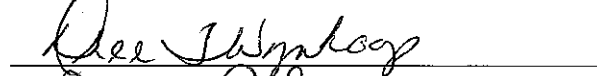
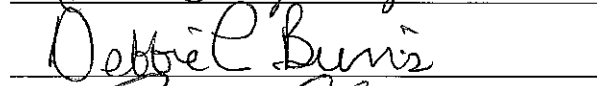
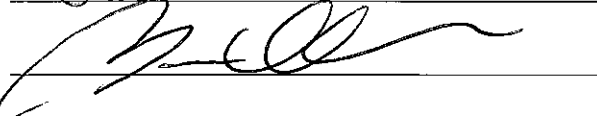
##### **Precinct Official Placement Updates/Appointment**

Deputy Director Moore advised she had contacted STAR – ASSISTANT (REP) Philip Martin regarding accepting the position of STAR - JUDGE (REP) to fill the vacancy left by Susan Molick's resignation and he agreed. Member Brown made a motion to appoint Philip Martin as Star Precinct Judge (Rep). Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The Board noted that if there are temporary placements needed to

fill spaces where the appointed precinct workers are unable to work a specific election a Board vote is not needed. They noted that a Board vote would be needed to fill vacancies left by resignations.

Director Walter provided a reminder of special upcoming Board meetings to include the following: Provisional Meeting (3/6/26 at 5PM), Hand-to-Eye Count (3/10/26 at 10AM) and Canvass (3/13/26 at 11AM). She also informed the Board that the new Elections Field Specialist, Matt Stone, visited the office and informed her that he will be in Montgomery County on Primary Election night.

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 adjourned at 5:45PM.

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