

The Union County Board of Elections met on April 1, 2025. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Barbara Luke, Rich Coglianese, and Fred Vogel; Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider and Election Specialist Vicki Flanders.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Approval of Minutes for the March 4, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the board minutes with Board Member Coglianese seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Approve Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. TRIAD Governmental Systems
2. Verizon
3. Staff Travel Expense
4. Pitney Bowes

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Coglianese seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

2025 YTD Budget Summary

Deputy Director Forrider reviewed the YTD budget. The budget is on track for the year. We have received a grant from the Secretary of State to help offset the cost of the May 6th election. There were no questions or concerns.

Paper Ballot Allocations

The paper ballots allocated for each precinct in the May 6th Election were presented to the board for approval. Board Member Vogel motioned to approve the allocations with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Election Updates

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider informed the board that, per the Secretary of State directive, we will be using paper pollbooks for the May 6th election. Due to the new directive there will be an increased need for additional poll workers. The Board of Elections is actively working on recruiting extra poll workers.

Miscellaneous

The board discussed the need to establish written contracts with our polling locations. It was suggested that we look at the contracts being used by similarly sized counties as well as reach out to the Secretary of State for guidance. The board will revisit the contracts at a future meeting with hopes of having them in place by the November 2025 General Election.

It was brought to the board's attention that a Union County voter has been indicted for voter fraud. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider stated that information was requested and passed along to the Secretary of State's office. They in turn investigated and passed the information on to the County Prosecutor for further action.

A petition for the November 2025 General Election was presented to the board for approval. This petition was submitted by Jake Davis for the office of Claibourne Township Trustee. Board Member Luke motioned to approve the petition with Board Member Coglianese seconding the motion.

- Motion pass unanimously

Board member Coglianese motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am with Board Member Vogel seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Attest: Vicki Flanders
Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist

Chairman: Dean Cook
Dean Cook, Chairman