

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING  
State Board of Elections

The State Board of Elections convened a public meeting at 11:30 AM CST on February 13, 2026, in LRC Committee Room #412, at 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501. The meeting was also hosted online via Microsoft Teams.

**Hearing Officer:** Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State.

**Members of the Board in Attendance (In-Person):** Monae L. Johnson.

**Members of the Board in Attendance (Remote):** Kent Alberty, Jamalia Franzen, Austin Hoffman, Lindley Howard, Kristin Matsuda, and Scott McGregor (Arrived 12:00 PM CST).

**Others in Attendance (In-Person):** Tom Deadrick, Deputy Secretary of State; Grant Flynn, Assistant Attorney General; Christine Lehrkamp, Director of the Division of Elections; Evan Sippel, Election Coordinator; Rick Weible; Jessica Pollema; Meta Halverson; and approximately ten individuals who did not identify themselves.

**Others in Attendance (Call-In Option):** Nineteen people listened to the public hearing of the State Board of Elections through Microsoft Teams.

**Call to Order:** Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson called the public hearing of the State Board of Elections to order at 11:30 AM CST.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Jamalia Franzen moved that the agenda for the February 13, 2026 meeting of the State Board of Elections be approved. The motion was seconded by Austin Hoffman. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried with five ayes (Alberty, Franzen, Hoffman, Howard, and Secretary Johnson) and one nay (Matsuda). One member (McGregor) was absent.

**Approval of Draft Minutes:** Kent Alberty moved that the draft minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting of the State Board of Elections be approved. The motion was seconded by Jamalia Franzen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried with five ayes (Alberty, Franzen, Hoffman, Howard, and Secretary Johnson) and one abstention (Matsuda). One member (McGregor) was absent and did not vote.

**Report on Certification:** Christine Lehrkamp, Director of the Division of Elections, presented a report detailing the testing process for Election Systems and Software (ES&S) EVS 6.5.0.0 and explained how EVS 6.5.0.0 met the standards for certification established by the State Board of Elections in the Administrative Rules of South Dakota.

**Certification of Election Equipment:** The State Board of Elections discussed the certification of Election Systems and Software (ES&S) EVS 6.5.0.0.

Austin Hoffman moved that the State Board of Elections approve the certification of ES&S EVS 6.5.0.0. The motion was seconded by Jamalia Franzen. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried with five ayes (Alberty, Franzen, Hoffman, Howard, and Secretary Johnson), one nay (Matsuda), and one abstention (McGregor).

**Public Comments:** Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson invited members of the public to offer comments.

Jessica Pollema and Rick Weible's comments opposed the State Board of Election's certification of Election Systems and Software (ES&S) EVS 6.5.0.0.

**General Remarks:** Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson welcomed Kristin Matsuda to the State Board of Elections and thanked Michael Buckingham, whose term expired on January 31, 2026, for his years of service.

**Adjournment:** Jamalia Franzen moved that the State Board of Elections meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Austin Hoffman. The motion carried without opposition. The State Board of Elections adjourned at 12:27 PM CST.

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