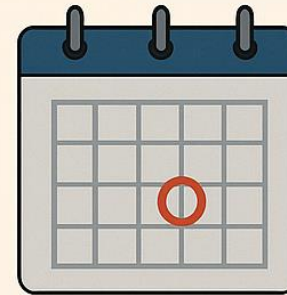


CYCLE OF ELECTIONS



Panelists

Riley Willman, Elections Supervisor

Ahna Barreau, Technology Director

Agenda

Election Cycle Structure

"The Off Year"

Year Ahead – 2026 Elections

Post Election Work



Election Cycle

Primary – decided after
Jan. filing deadline

Spring Election – Every
year

Partisan Primary – Even-
numbered years

General Election – Even-
numbered years

Special/Recall Elections
– as scheduled

2022

Preparing for Elections



WEC 2025 Projects

Training Update

- Clerk conference
- ElectEd refresh
- MCT and CIT training updated
- Snacks and Bites
- One Manual

Election Administration

- Nomination paper process
- Ballot proofing

WEC 2025 Projects

WisVote updates

- Server upgrades
- Bug fixes
- Reports review

MyVote Usability Testing

- Phase 1 complete, Phase 2 underway
- Minor updates
- Platform updates

WisVote SandBox Environment

- Deployed in August

WEC 2025 Projects

Badger Book Updates

- New workflows for Protected and Confidential voters
- Capture incomplete EDRs
- EDR workflow improvements
- Admin screen improvements

Voting Equipment Certification

- ES&S - September
- Dominion - October

WEC - Routine Projects



Election
Administration and
Voting Survey (EAVS)



4-Year Maintenance



Cross State Matches



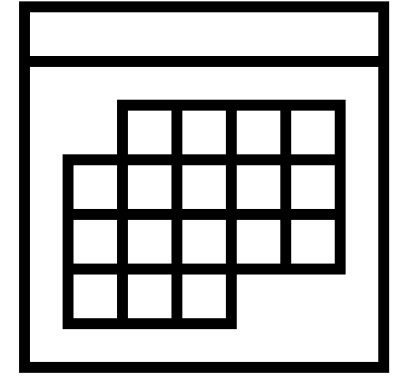
Election Calendar



Candidate Checklists

What have you been doing to prepare for your 2026 elections?

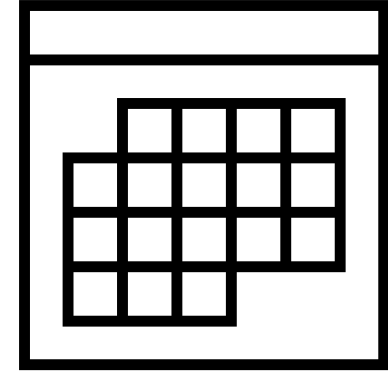
Key 2026 Election Dates



- Spring Election
 - Jan. 6, 2026 – Nomination Paper Deadline
 - Feb. 17, 2026 – Spring Primary (if required)
 - April 7, 2026 – Spring Election

- General Election
 - June 1, 2026 – Nomination Paper Deadline
 - Aug. 11, 2026 – Partisan Primary
 - Nov. 3, 2026 – General Election

Key 2026 Absentee Dates



- Spring Election
 - Jan. 27, 2026 – Absentee Deadline for Spring Primary
 - March 17, 2026 – Absentee Deadline for Spring Election

- General Election
 - June 25, 2026 – Absentee Deadline for Partisan Primary
 - Sept. 17, 2026 – Absentee Deadline for General Election

EA Related Pre-Election Work

Poll Worker Training

- Back to Basics refreshers
 - POR/POI
 - Processing voters
 - Absentees
 - Counting Votes
- Lessons Learned
- New Updates

EA Related Pre-Election Work

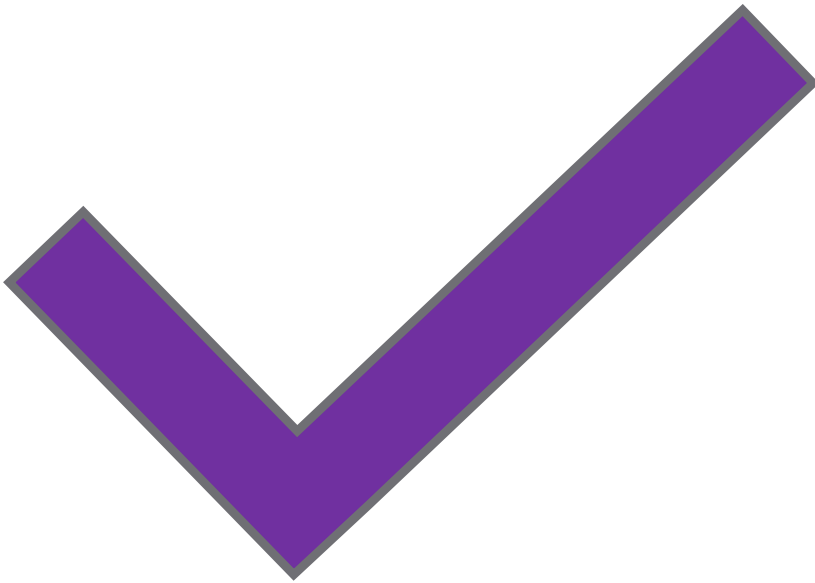
Voting Equipment Work

- Pre-election testing
- Matching WisVote election plans with programming

Candidate Outreach

- Notification of Noncandidacy
- Candidate Checklists
- Candidate Nomination Paper Process Training

WisVote Pre-Election Work



Review past pre-election checklists

Review Election Plans

List maintenance

Entering contests and candidates

Badger Book Prep

Set up and test Badger Books for the polling location

Inventory any missing hardware and note any software issues

Create Election Inspector Accounts

Complete WisVote work

Generate poll book data from WisVote



Election Day Prep


Emergency Action Plan

Designate back-up
polling place

Crisis Communications

Review security
resources





What are you looking
to do next?



Putting
the
pieces
together

Closing out
elections

Canvass

Results from Election Day

Canvass System

Reconciliation

Election Reconciliation

Work done before election
day directly impacts your
election reconciliation



Election Reconciliation Errors

Common issues that can make reconciliation difficult:

- Election plan being setup incorrectly
- Printing pollbooks too soon
 - Downloading BB file too soon
- Incorrectly recording absentee applications/ballots
- Creative record keeping
- Poll worker errors

How is WisVote data utilized?



EAVS

4-Year Maintenance

Movers Mailings

Posted to WEC website

MyVote

Badger Voters

Prepare today to
succeed tomorrow

Time	Session			
1:15PM – 2:45PM	Providing Election Training: Learn to Discuss, Discuss to learn	Voters with Disabilities	Pandemoniam at the Polls: Navigating the Unexpected Election Day	Get to Know Your Voters: Voter Types, Statuses, and Quirks
11:45AM - 1:00PM	Lunch			
1:00PM - 2:30PM	Election Security: Prepare, Plan, Deploy	Dig Deeper into WisVote: Views, Reports, and Advanced Finds	Managing Poll Workers: Appointments, Training, and Concerns	After the Election: A Look at Post-Election Processes

Day 1

Time	Session			
8:30AM — 10:00AM	Absentee and UOCAVA			
10:00AM – 10:15AM	Break			
10:15AM – 11:45AM	Election Security: Prepare, Plan, Deploy	Micro-Stress: Why it's a big deal for protecting your mental health	Behind the Ballot: The Tech That Makes Elections Work	SVD
11:45AM - 1:00PM	Lunch			
1:00PM - 2:30PM	Intricacies of Spring Elections	Media 101 + Public Transparency in Elections	Dig Deeper into WisVote: Views, Reports and Advanced Finds	Whose Responsibility Is It? The County/ Municipality Relationship
2:30PM - 2:45PM	Break			
2:45PM - 4:15PM	Train-the-trainer1: Badger Book, Chief Inspector Training, Municipal Clerk Training Grand Ballroom			

Day 2

Questions?

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