

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 8, 2026

Call to Order

The Minnehaha County Commission convened at 9:00 AM on June 8, 2026, as the Primary Election Canvassing Board. Board Members present were: Commissioner Beninga, Alex Jensen (representing Commissioner Karsky), Jeff Barth (representing Commissioner Bleyenbergh), Jim Stalzer (representing Commissioner Heisey), and Curt Soehl (representing Commissioner Kippley). Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Chair Pro Tem Beninga called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

Consider a Motion to Approve the Agenda

Motion by Soehl, seconded by Stalzer, to approve the agenda. 5 ayes

Canvassing Board Representatives Filed with the Auditor Pursuant to SDCL 12-20-36

Chair Pro Tem Beninga provided a brief explanation of SDCL 12-30-36 regarding the Canvassing Board Representatives filed with the Auditor.

Consider a Motion to Certify the Results of the June 2, 2026, Primary Election Canvass

Leah Anderson, Auditor, presented the 2026 Primary Election Results. The Canvassing Board conducted a detailed comparison of the election returns and certificate of provisional ballot count to the abstract presented by Auditor Anderson. No discrepancies were found.

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Barth, to Certify the Results of the June 2, 2026, Primary Election Canvass. By roll call vote: 5 ayes

Selection of Precincts and Contests for the Post-Election Audit Pursuant to SDCL 12-17B-20

Leah Anderson, Auditor, conducted the selection of precincts and contests for the Post-Election Audit pursuant to SDCL 12-17B-20. The post-election audit will consist of the following precincts: VP-01, 05-22, VP-03, 05-02, and 03-15; and the following contests:

United States Representative (all precincts), School Board Member Sioux Falls School District 49-5 (precincts 05-22, 05-02, 03-15), and Register of Deeds (VP-01 and VP-03).

Canvas Board Member Comments

Canvass Board Member Barth spoke about the challenges with the Administration building for election night activities.

Canvass Board Chair Beninga thanked all of the volunteers and Auditor's Office staff for the work on Election Day.

Adjournment

MOTION by Jensen, seconded by Barth, to Adjourn at 9:52 a.m. 5 ayes.

The Commission acting as the Canvassing Board adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

Gerald Beninga, Chair Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder