



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ELECTION COMMISSION
September 2, 2026 – 12:00 pm
Meridian Municipal Building
Administrative Conference Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Draft Minutes
 - A. July 13, 2026
5. Communications
 - A. Notice of Election Commission Meeting
6. New Business
 - A. Establish Absent Voter Counting Board
7. Other Business
 - A. Voting Equipment - 2027
8. Public Remarks
9. Adjournment

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
SPECIAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
-DRAFT -

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198

Admin Conference Room

517.853.4300, Special Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, 1:00 pm

PRESENT: Commissioner Demas, Commissioner Trezise, Commissioner Sundland

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Gerhart

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Demas called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Commission. All Commissioners present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Trezise moved to approve. Supported by Commissioner Sundland.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

4. Approval of Draft Minutes

- April 13, 2026

Commissioner Trezise called to approve the draft minutes. Supported by Commissioner Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

5. Communications

- Notice of Election Commission Meeting
- Notice of Registration

Clerk Demas gave an overview on the communications.

All notices were posted and published within the deadlines.

6. New Business

- a. Set date for Public Accuracy Test and designate Clerk to conduct logic and accuracy tests; subject to adjustments as necessary by the Clerk

Clerk Demas gave an overview and went through the packet pieces.

Commissioner Trezise moved to designate the Clerk to conduct logic and accuracy tests and hold the August 4, 2026 Primary Election Public Accuracy Test on July 17, 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Township Municipal

Building, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI, subject to adjustments as necessary by the Clerk. Supported by Commissioner Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

- b. Establish Absent Voter Counting Board and Receiving Board

Clerk Demas gave an overview and went through the packet pieces.

Commissioner Trezise moved to approve the Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center, 5153 Marsh Rd, Okemos, as the location for pre-processing and the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Township Municipality Building, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI as the location of the absent voting counting boards for precincts 1-14 for the August 4, 2026 Primary. Supported by Commissioner Demas.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Trezise Move to approve the resolution to establish Receiving Board(s) at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election and all other elections going forward. Supported by Commissioner Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

- c. Appointment of Inspectors to serve on the Absentee Voter Counting Board, Receiving Board; and to appoint Precinct Inspectors to serve; subject to adjustments as necessary by the Clerk

Clerk Demas gave an overview and went through the packet pieces.

Commissioner Trezise moved to appoint of the Election Inspectors to serve in precincts 1-14, Early Voting, Receiving Board, and the Absentee Voter Counting Board as depicted in the July 13, 2026 Election Commission packet for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election, subject to adjustments as required by the Clerk. Supported by Commissioner Sundland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion carried 3-0.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

8. PUBLIC REMARKS – NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

Clerk Demas adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY
MEETING NOTICE: ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, AT 12:00 PM

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MEETING NOTICE
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Meridian Charter Township Election Commission will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 12:00 pm, in the Administrative Conference Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, for the purpose of establishing an Absent Voter Counting Board for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

The meeting agenda, packet and/or virtual meeting credentials will be posted on the Township webpage at www.meridian.mi.us

Angela Demas

Township Clerk



To: Election Commission
From: Angela Demas, Township Clerk
Date: September 2, 2026
Re: Election Commission Item A

The Election Commission must approve the establishment of an Absent Voter Counting Board for the November 3, 2026 General Election, subject to adjustments as necessary.

Due to Early Voting being held in the Town Hall room, absent voter counting board pre-processing must be established at another location. We have reserved the Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center for the purpose of holding pre-processing. This location is in close proximity to the Clerk's Office and has ample space to carry out AVCB pre-processing duties.

The following motions should be considered:

"Move to establish an absent voter counting board for the purpose of pre-processing absent voter ballots for precincts 1-14 for up to eight days prior to the November 3, 2026 General Election, which shall be located at the Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center, 5153 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864."

"Move to establish an absent voter counting board to process absent voter ballots for precincts 1-14 on Election Day, November 3, 2026, which shall be located at the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864."



To: Election Commission
From: Angela Demas, Township Clerk
Date: September 2, 2026
Re: Election Commission Item A

The Michigan Bureau of Elections (BOE) has advised jurisdictions that voting equipment will need to be replaced by 2027. The cost to replace voting equipment is expected to be significant. This is expected to cost between \$15,000 to \$18,000 per precinct for tabulators and voter assist terminals, although the final cost will depend on the equipment selected. Jurisdictions are encouraged to budget beyond that baseline to also account for Ballot on Demand systems, Early Voting site tabulators, and Absent Voter Counting Board equipment.

The State of Michigan currently holds contracts with three voting equipment vendors. These contracts are set to expire at the end of February 2027, meaning new election equipment will be required to meet new state certifications.

While there are funds included in the FY2027-2028 budget for new voting equipment, it is still recommended for local governments to budget for these costs. The amount of state assistance ultimately available to individual jurisdictions and the extent to which it will cover each jurisdiction's total replacement costs remain important in budget considerations. Additionally, it is not guaranteed that all equipment and associated costs will be covered by state funding.

Clerks across Michigan are seeing their elections budgets double or even triple in recent years. The Clerk's Office has ensured this item is presented as a local budget priority during conversations with the Township Manager and Finance Director, since it may fall to the Township to cover these costs if we are without state assistance.

Voting Equipment

Precinct tabulators + early-voting equipment

Estimates

Input	Value		Note
Cost per precinct (estimate)	\$18,000		<i>new range \$15,000–\$18,000</i>
Precincts	14		<i>no longer 22 after 2025 consolidation</i>
EV equipment sets	3		<i>needed depending on the vendor</i>

Equipment Cost

Component		Amount	How it's calculated
Precinct equipment total		\$252,000	$\$18,000 \times 14 \text{ precincts} = \$252,000$
EV equipment total		\$54,000	$\$18,000 \times 3 \text{ sets} = \$54,000$
Final total (Precincts + EV)		\$306,000	$\$252,000 + \$54,000 = \$306,000$