



Allendale
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Agenda for the
Allendale Charter Township Election Commission Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026, 5:15 pm

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Meeting called to order

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of March 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment
- Action Items
 - Resolution 2026-01EC- Election Inspector Appointment for August 4, 2026
 - Resolution 2026-02EC- Establishing AVCB and Preprocessing for 2026 and Thereafter
- Discussion Items
 - Early Voting Plans- Jody Hansen
- Commissioner Comments
- Adjournment

RESOLUTION 2025-01EC

ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

At a special meeting of the Election Commission of the Charter Township of Allendale, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall located at 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, Ottawa County, Michigan on July 13, 2026, at 5:15 pm.

Present:

Absent:

The Township Clerk advised the Election Commission that the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution to appoint election inspectors and job duties for the August 6, 2026 Primary Election

After discussion, the following resolution was offered by xxxx and supported by xxxxx:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALLENDALE, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the following people be appointed to serve as election inspectors, with job duties including but not limited to Absentee Counting Board, Receiving Board, Co-Chair, Team Leads, Election Assistant, and Precinct Inspector, to be designated by the Clerk, for Allendale Charter Township for the August 4, 2026, Primary Election and all Early Voting Days for said election:

Last Name	First Name	Party Affiliation
Baker	Joni	Republican
Baker	Michelle	Republican
Baker	Patricia	Republican
Bartrand	Jayne	Democrat
Batdorff	Jami	Republican
Belke	Lynn	Democrat
Berdyck	Jeff	Republican
Blohm	Kent	Democrat
Brazeau	Rick	Democrat
Buchanan	Diana	Democrat
Busman	Lorraine	Republican
Cox	Richard	Republican

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Dibble	Cathie	Republican
DiPiazza	Rebekka	Republican
Driesenga	Pam	Republican
Eddy- DeGroot	Casandra	Republican
Efting	Louise	Republican
Eisen	Linda	Republican
Elsey	Patricia	Republican
Feenstra	Margaret	Republican
Glynn	Mary	Democrat
Gordon	Susan	Democrat
Gowen	Rachel	Republican
Grzegorzcyk	Barb	Democrat
Hanes	Kathy	Republican
Hanes	Ben	Democrat
Hernandez	Marianne	Democrat
Herrick	Deb	Democrat
Howes	Carolyn	Democrat
Irwin	Mary	Republican
Johnston	Carol	Republican
Joslyn	Rich	Republican
Knoper	Wesley	Democrat
McMurray	Amy	Republican
McMurray	Brian	Republican
Melcher	Janet	Republican
Metcalf	James	Democrat
Meyers	Linda	Republican
Miedema	Denise	Republican
Ossewaarde	Sharon	Republican
Ostema	Judi	Republican
Poortenga	Mary	Democrat
Razzoog	Kathleen	Democrat
Roelofs	Gail	Republican
Roelofs	Joel	Republican
Scheid	John	Democrat
Schuitema	Jared	Republican
Staub	Jeanne	Republican
Tiano	Vicki	Democrat
Van De Weg	Shirley	Republican
VanDyken	Terry	Democrat
Whalen	Julie	US Taxpayer

Wolf	Nancy	Democrat

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution declared adopted on July 13, 2026.

Jody L. Hansen
Allendale Charter Township Clerk

The undersigned Clerk of Allendale Charter Township hereby certifies that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Allendale Charter Township Election Commission at a meeting held on the 13th day of July, 2026 pursuant to proper notice and compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Jody L. Hansen
Allendale Charter Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-02EC
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD AND AUTHORIZING
PREPROCESSING FOR ALL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN 2026 AND THEREAFTER

At a meeting of the Election Commission of the Charter Township of Allendale, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall located at 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, Ottawa County, Michigan on July 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Township Clerk advised the Election Commission that the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution to establish and authorize the Absent Voter Counting Board to process and tabulate absent voter ballots prior to Election Day, as permitted by the Michigan Election Law, for all elections conducted in 2026 and each year thereafter, unless modified or rescinded by subsequent action of the Election Commission.

After discussion, the following resolution was offered by x and supported by x.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Act 116 of 1954, MCL 168.765a, provides that a board of election commissioners of a township with a population of at least 5,000 may authorize that absent voter counting boards be established under subsection (1) to process and tabulate absent voter ballots between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any of the eight (8) days before election day; beginning on the second Monday before election day and ending on the Monday immediately before election day.

WHEREAS, the Allendale Charter Township Election Commission finds that establishing an Absent Voter Counting Board for all future elections will promote the efficient administration of elections; and

WHEREAS, the Allendale Township Clerk's office shall provide notice to the Michigan Secretary of State no later than 28 days before election day and post on the Township website (if applicable) and in the Township Clerk's office, no later than 18 days prior to election day, the times and dates of early processing of absent voter ballots and the number of election inspectors that will be present to process and tabulate absent voter ballots at the absent voter counting place. If the location, dates, hours, or number of election inspectors' changes, Allendale Charter Township Clerk's office shall publicly post a revised notice as outlined in MCL 168.765a Subsection 12.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALLENDALE, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Election Commission of Allendale Charter Township hereby establishes and authorizes an Absent Voter Counting Board to process and tabulate absent voter ballots prior to Election Day, as permitted by the Michigan Election Law, for all elections conducted in 2026 and each year thereafter, unless this resolution is amended or rescinded by the Allendale Charter Township Election Commission.
2. The Township Clerk and her designees are authorized and directed to arrange, schedule, and oversee this process to the full extent necessary to comply with Michigan Election Laws, including but not limited to proper notification, posting, publishing, and general oversight.
3. All resolutions in conflict herewith in whole or in part are hereby revoked to the extent of such conflict.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution declared adopted on XXXXXXXXXXXX.

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