
2025 ADAMS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Minutes

The Adams County Election Board met on Thursday, August 7, 2025 in the Election Room in the basement of the Adams County Courthouse building.

Those present were:

Dean ("J.") Swygart, Democratic Chairman, Member, appointed in August of 2021 and no term limit.
Charles ("Charlie") Tooley, Republican Member, appointed in December of 2024 and no term limit.
Shelly M. Brite, Clerk of Court/Secretary of Election Board, elected 2022 and termed 2026.
Cassie Hammond, Election Deputy

Election Board meeting called to order by J Swygart at 9:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approved minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting, seconded by Charlie Tooley motion carried (3-0).

Campaign Finance Reports

Pursuant to new legislation, I.C. 35-2-6, current elected officials are required to keep a campaign finance report committee open during the duration of their office. Once Shelly Brite was informed by this new legislation, she informed the CEB, party chairs and began notifying the elected officials that they need to file a CFA-1 if they had previously disbanded their committee. As the deadline was July 11, 2025 all elected officials have filed their reports. With this new legislation, elected officials who are currently in office, they will have to file their annual report by January 21, 2026.

Eliminate Meal Expense for Poll Workers

Shelly Brite proposes to the Election Board that the poll workers on election day will not receive their per diem of \$15.00 per election but to increase their pay. All election day poll workers bring in carry-in food as directed by the Inspector. Therefore, in order to eliminate voluminous claims for this pay, Shelly Brite proposes to increase poll workers rates as follows:

1. Inspectors to receive \$265.00 per election. Increase from \$250.00.
2. Judges and Clerks to receive \$206.00 per election. Increase from \$191.00.

Upon a motion by Charlie Tooley to approve eliminating meal expense for poll workers but to increase poll workers rate of pay on election day, seconded by J Swygart motion carried (3-0).

Once approved by CEB, Shelly Brite will draft and request this increase to commissioners. However, as the Election Budget has already been prepared and submitted, should commissioners grant approval, Shelly Brite will inform county council that this will affect but there will be funds to cover this in transfers.

Election Board Comment

J Swygart discussed the college ID legislation which is no longer accepted as ID to vote. Poll Worker training will need to be revised due to this law. Next meeting might be in November.

Public Comments

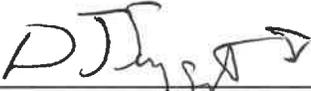
No comments.

Upon motion by J Swygart to adjourn at 9:29 a.m. seconded by Charlie Tooley, motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted

Shelly M. Brite

Shelly M. Brite, Secretary CEB



J Swygart, Democratic Chairman



Charlie Tooley, Republican Member