

RESOLUTION OF MONROE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Resolution Adopting Procedures for Candidate Challenges/Complaint Hearings

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Election Board ("Election Board") has received one (1)

complaint regarding candidate conduct pursuant to Indiana Code §3-6-5-31; and, several complaints regarding candidate eligibility pursuant to Indiana Code §3-8-1-2; and

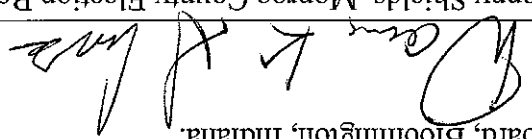
WHEREAS, the Election Board finds it necessary to establish rules of procedure for any hearing related to these complaints to ensure fairness, efficiency and that all parties have an equal opportunity to be heard; and

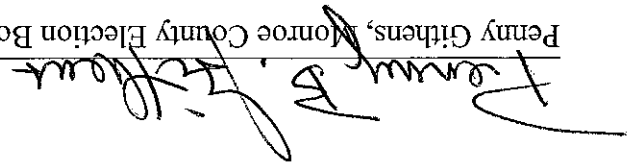
WHEREAS, the Election Board for efficiency wishes to use these established rules of procedures for the current pending complaints/challenges and any future complaints unless otherwise stated by the Election Board.

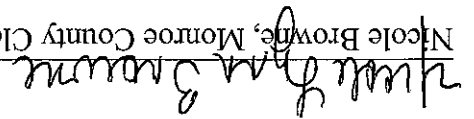
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Election Board establishes the following procedures specifically for current and future candidate complaint/challenge hearings:

1. The Election Board Chair will call the hearing regarding the complaint to order.
2. Any individual wishing to offer testimony and/or evidence before the Election Board will be asked to take an oath.
3. The Election Board Chair will recognize that the complainant first. The complainant may present evidence and argument to the Election Board for no more than ten (10) minutes, unless the Election Board votes to allow additional time for the presenter. If the complainant is not present, any written correspondence received from the complainant addressed to the Election Board will be read into the record. The complainant has the burden of proving his/her complaint including providing facts and evidence that the person in question is violating or has violated an election law.
4. The Election Board Chair will recognize that the candidate that the complaint is against. The candidate may present evidence and argument to the Election Board for no more than ten (10) minutes. Any extension of time afforded to the complainant will also equally be afforded to the candidate. If the candidate is not present, any written correspondence received from the complainant addressed to the Election Board will be read into the record.
5. Evidence and/or argument presented by the parties should be directed at the Election Board and not other parties present at the hearing.
6. The Election Board members may ask any individual who offers testimony and/or evidence questions. If the Election Board members ask questions of the complainant or candidate, time spent answering the questions will not be counted against the presenter's time.
7. If the complainant or challenger offers documents as evidence, a copy of such must be provided to the Election Board to be included in the record of the hearing. A copy should also be provided to the opposing party.
8. Upon the conclusion of the evidence and/or argument, the Election Board will close the hearing and thereafter discuss the presentation and decide what action if any to take regarding the complaints.

Presented to and adopted on this 10th day of August 2026, by the Monroe County Election Board, Bloomington, Indiana.


Danny Shields, Monroe County Election Board Republican Member and Chair


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