2022 County Election Administration Training

ELECTION JUDGE TRAINING

Training Agenda

- 1) Preparing for Election Day
- 2) Opening Duties
- 3) Election Day Stations & Tasks:
 - Greeter Station
 - Roster Station
 - Registration Station
 - Demonstration Station
 - Ballot Station
 - Ballot Counter Station
- 4) Polling Place Conduct
 - Security Practices
- 5) Closing

Preparing for Election Day

Time Off From Work

Notify employer in writing 20 days in advance

Provide appointment letter

 Employer can reduce wages by amount paid

Election Day Logistics

- Dress comfortably
- Do not wear anything political
- Have a food plan
- Plan (care of pets or loved ones, ride home, etc.)

And most importantly... don't forget to vote!

Opening Duties

All election judges take and sign this oath:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties of election judge according to law and the best of my ability and will diligently endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting this election. I will perform my duties in a fair and impartial manner and not attempt to create an advantage for my party or my candidate."

<u>M.S. 204B.24</u>

Code of Conduct

What does this oath look like in practice?

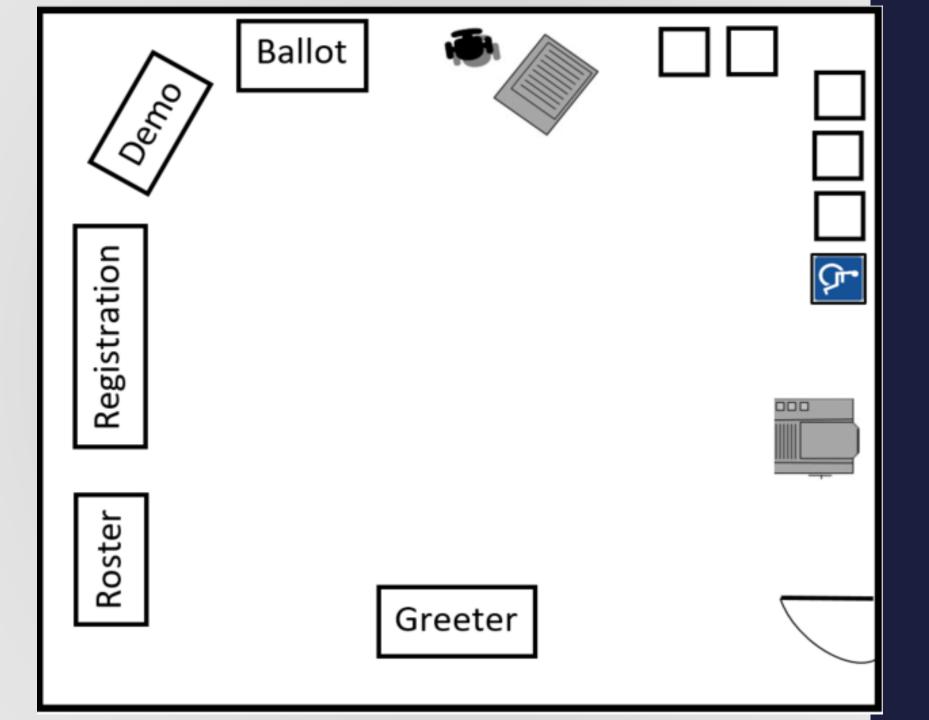
- Be impartial, courteous and professional
- Maintain your polling place's accessibility, neutrality, and efficiency
- Enjoy assisting and serving diverse populations

Discussion Question

Have you ever had a difficult voting experience? What made it difficult?

Overview of Polling Place Judges

- Head/Assistant Judge
- Greeter Judge
- Roster Judge
- Registration Judge
- Demonstration Judge
- Ballot Judge
- Ballot Counter Judge
- Student Judge



General Guidelines

Access

- Are all parts of the polling place accessible for voters? Can a voter using a wheelchair easily move from station to station?
- **Traffic Flow**
 - Where will lines likely bottleneck? Is it clear which station a voter should move to next?
- Privacy
 - Arrange the voting stations with privacy in mind, including the assistive voting device.

Don't forget...

•A stable, flat surface for completing forms.

Chairs for voters waiting in line

 Set up at least one voting booth that is wheelchair accessible and includes a chair

Additional Set Up Tasks

- Designate and clearly mark disability parking spaces
- Mark route to accessible entrance
- Mark accessible route to voting room
- Post informational posters
- Post flag at entrance

Equipment Set Up

Assistive Ballot Marking Device

The station must be private and wheelchair accessible, with headphones

Test when setting up:

- Audio must be working
- It must read a blank ballot correctly
- Make sure touchscreen and buttons function

Ballot Counter

- •The head or assistant head judge will lead ballot counter set up
- •Verify ballot box is empty, and that zero votes have been counted on the machine
- Lock or seal ballot box, record seal number

Prepare Ballots

 Verify the total number of packets of shrink-wrapped ballots matches what is on the Ballot Tracking (or similar) Form

 Open an initial supply of ballots, count them to verify how many there are

Two judges initial each ballot

Incident Log and Party Balance

Incident Log

 Document where any unusual events or problems are recorded

Party Balance

 To ensure fairness, two judges of differing major political parties must do certain tasks together

Election Day Stations & Tasks

Greeter Station

Greeter Judge

- Welcomes voters
- Line management
- Able to check if voters are pre-registered or in the correct precinct.

Roster Station

Roster Station

- 1) Ask voter for name and address
- 2) Check page for roster notations
- Hide challenges on other voter records from view
- 4) Have the voter sign to affirm the voter's oath
- 5) Give them a **voter receipt** and direct to Ballot Judge station

Can't find a voter's name?

If the voter insists that they are registered:

- Does voter's name, address or date of birth on the roster contain a clerical error?
 - Roster correction form
- 2) Is voter at the wrong precinct?

If none of the above, they need to register at the registration table

Roster Correction Form

Use the Incident Log or Roster Correction Form to notify the election office of any clerical errors

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Return in Results Envelope B

Roster Notations

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address s election; that I am not under guardianship of the person in which the court order revokes my right to vote the right to vote because, if convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I only in this precinct. I understand that giving false information is a felony punishable by not more than five

	Voter Name and Address	Voter Signature	
1.	SMITH, BETH NANCY 11787 422ND ST	Challenged: Felony	-
2.	SMITH, BILL MICHAEL 11787 422ND ST	Challenged: Postal Return	
3.	SMITH, BOB AARON 11717 42ND ST	Challenged: Voted Out of Precinct	

Registration Station

Election Day Registration

To register and vote on Election Day you must:

- •Be eligible to vote
- Register and vote within your precinct
- Provide proof of residence

Eligibility

What are the voter eligibility requirements?

- 1) U.S. citizen
- 2) At least 18 years old on Election Day
- Resident of Minnesota (NOT a specific precinct) for 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence

Proof of Residence

There are 7 possible ways for a voter to provide proof of residence. Some of those ways involve a voter showing us an ID, others do not.

Please note:

We always ask voters for "proof of residence" *not*: "Can I see your ID".

Option 1: ID With Current Name And Address

 Current Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID card – or a receipt for any of these

 Tribal ID with name, current address, signature and picture.

Option 2: Photo ID **and** a Document with Current Name and Address



Option 2: ID and a Document with Current Name and Address

- Can this bill or document be dated at just any date? *No. It must be due or dated within 30 days of Election Day.*
- Can a voter show you this document on their phone? Yes!
- Can the ID be expired, or have an old address listed?
- Yes!

"Temporary" or "Status Check" Notification on IDs

- If there is a notation of "temporary" or "status check" on the ID...
 - it could mean that the person holds a visa and is not a US citizen



- •Talk with the person, in a respectful manner, about the notification.
 - Do not assume that this, "for sure" means that the person is not a citizen...
 - •The person *might* have obtained citizenship since the issuance of the ID?

Option 3: Vouching

If you don't have a document to serve as proof of residence... you can bring a person!

- A voucher must know the voter personally
- Vouchers must live in the same precinct, and either be preregistered to vote or register on Election Day.
- A person who is vouched for on Election Day cannot then vouch for someone else

Voucher Form

Use this form only if you are registering to vote with a voucher as your proof of residence.

I (Name of Voucher)					
I am pre-registered to vote in th	is precinct Voter ID # :				
I registered in this precinct toda	y and did not have another person vouch for me				
I am an employee of a resident	al facility (Name of residential facility)				
Residential Address of Voucher or Address of Residential Facility					
Street Address	City				
Telephone number:	E-mail address (optional)				
I personally know that is a resident of this precinct. (Name of person registering)					
Signature of Voucher					
Election Judge Official Use Only					
	Subscribed and sworn to before me				
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Date	Signature of Election Judge				

Option 4: Residential Facility Vouching

If a voter lives in a residential facility, a staff person of that facility can vouch for them.

- The staff person must provide proof of employment, which could be either:
- an employee badge
- a letter of employment on the company letter head.





Carmen Sandiego Certified Nursing Assistant



Option 5: Notice of Late Registration



January 1, 20XX



Option 6: Valid Registration in the Same Precinct

If the voter was preregistered in the precinct, but:

- Has changed their name
- •Has moved, but within the same precinct

Then the voter's previous registration serves as their proof of residence

Option 7: Student ID with College List

- Precinct may be provided with a list of students housed at a Minnesota college or university
- Students on list can register by showing a current, valid student photo ID



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For more information on voting or state election results go to the Minnesota Secretary of State web site at www.sos.state.mn.us or call toll free 1-877-600-VOTE (1-877-600-8683) or use Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 or 711. Special assistance is available to those who are elderly, have disabilities, or are in health care facilities. Contact the Secretary of State or your County Auditor for more information.	(For administrative label)
Confidentiality Notice: Your exact date of birth, email address, and any ID or last four digits of social security number) are private. Only election access this information. Election officials use your exact date of birth and Department of Public Safety or Social Security Administration. If you hav may be incomplete and you may have to apply again or show proof of re your email so they can contact you about your application. Also, the Offic you another way) about voting and elections, or ask for public input on v your application is public when used for elections, political, law enforcem contact data private because of personal safety concerns, call 1-877-600	officials and other authorized government agencies may d ID number to confirm your identity with the Minnesota e an ID number but refuse to give it, your application sidence before you can vote. Election officials ask for ce of the Secretary of State may email you (or contact doing or election-related issues. The rest of the data on tent or jury selection purposes. If you need to keep your
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'Official Use Only' Section

Old forms can still be used—make edits as appropriate

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New form:

		Election Judge Official Use Only	
w 8	ID with Current Name & Address	Photo ID + Document with Current Name & Address	Other
P 5	ID Number:	Document Type: Bank Statement	Vouched For
		Photo ID Number:	Notice of Late Registration
sp_650_	MN Driver's License, Learner's	Driver's License, Learner's Permit or State ID Card	□ Valid Registration in Same Precinct
Initials J/V	Permit, MN ID Card, or Receipt	U.S. Passport U.S. Military or Veteran ID	Student ID with College List
	Tribal ID Card	Tribal ID Student ID	ID Number:

Don't Forget to ...

- Document proof of residence provided on bottom of voter registration application
- Have voter complete and sign new registrant roster page
- Give the voter a voter receipt and direct to demonstration or ballot judge

Demonstration Station

Ballot Marking Instructions

Create a speech that works for you! Here is what should be included:

- Make all voters aware that they can use the assistive voting device, voting booths, or a table to mark their ballots
- Made a mistake? Bring your ballot back and get a replacement!
- •Be sure to point out the ballot counter

Instructions for Partisan Primary Elections

- No space for write-in votes
- On partisan races, only vote for candidates from one political party. If you vote for candidates from both political parties, your votes will not count.
- Instructions for Ballot Questions
 - Do not interpret what a ballot question means or what impact there would be if it passed or failed

Ballot Station

Ballot Judge

- Counts and tracks packs of ballots
- Collects voter receipts
- Issues ballots

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Spoiled and Found Ballots

Spoiled ballot:

Exchange for new ballot and put into spoiled ballot envelope

Found ballot:

- Mark "found in ____" on the ballot and put in spoiled ballot envelope
- Record on incident log

Ballot Counter Station

Ballot Counter Judge

Monitor operation of the ballot counter

Distribute "I Voted" stickers Do not place the stickers on voters

 Machine will beep and return the ballot if there was a ballot marking error

•Voter may choose to spoil their ballot and get a new one, or they can cast it as is.

Polling Place Conduct

Who is Allowed in the Polling Place?

Largely, only election judges, voters, and voter assistants should be in the polling place.

Other common authorized visitors are:

- Challengers
- •The Media

Observers with written authorization

Appointed Challengers

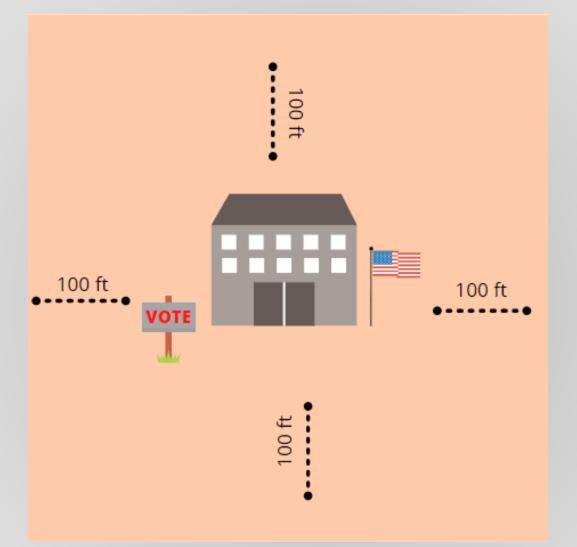
Challenger must have personal knowledge that a voter is not eligible

Suspicion is not a basis for making a challenge

Challengers cannot:

- Speak to voters and election judges
- Inspect or handle any election materials
- Make a list of who has voted
- Be disruptive
- Take photos
- Go within 6 feet of the tabulator or influence voters

Prohibition on Campaigning



No campaigning or lingering within 100 feet of the polling place

Prohibition on Campaigning

Voters may not wear or display campaign materials:

- If it is on the ballot, it cannot be displayed in the polling place.
- A voter may wear or display political material that is not on the ballot.

Election judges may not wear or discuss anything political

- •EJs are the 1st Line of Defense for physical & cyber security of Minnesota's elections!
- Watchful throughout election day:
 - All voting equipment
 - Removable memory devices
 - Ballots
 - Supplies
- •Anything suspicious & all incidents, communicated to the local election official <u>immediately</u>

- •Good practice to:
 - •View & inspect seals on all port plugs on all equipment & ballot storage containers.
 - •Take seriously voter reports of email, text, social media, phone or other communications attempting to disrupt or spread misinformation about the voting process.
 - If you observe any suspicious activity of anyone in the polling place, including other election judges, report your concerns immediately to the local election official

Report to the local election official, immediately, all items related to election security!

•Sergeant-at-arms or peace officer:

•May be requested to arrest or remove from the polling place any individual who, despite a warning to desist, engages in disorderly conduct, to include tampering with voting equipment.

- Sergeant-at-arms or peace officer:
 - •Shall not otherwise interfere in any manner with voters.
 - •A peace officer cannot remain in or within 50 feet of the entrance of the polling place once peace has been restored.

Note the details of all security concerns & how they were addressed on the incident log Voters can get help from election judges or any person of their choice, except from an agent of their employer or union.

Voter assistants can help an unlimited number of voters in all aspects of the voting process

Assistance by Election Judges

- Help only as much as requested
- Party balance activity

Language Assistance by Election Judges

- Language interpretation hotlines available on Election Day
- Language identification on the badges of bilingual election judges
- Direct questions to the voter, not others with them

Curbside Voting

- Voters may vote from their vehicle
- Paper rosters should not be brought outside for curbside voting
- Electronic rosters: Receive instructions from local election officials
- Judges cannot ask a voter how or why they qualify for curbside voting
- Curbside voting cannot interfere with access to the polling place or other disability accommodations

Serving Voters Who Have a Disability

 We want every voter to have a smooth voting experience

 The best way to do that is to offer all voters the same options for navigating the polling place and voting procedures

Voters Who Are Blind or Have Low-Vision

- If the voter asks for assistance:
 - Identify yourself
 - Speak directly to the individual
 - Give specific directions
 - Give clear word pictures when describing things
 - Touch them on the arm or use their name when addressing them
- Tell voter when you're leaving— or when another judge will be taking over to assist them
- If you're a roster judge, have a signature guide to make it easier for the blind voter to sign the roster
- Have a magnifying glass at the roster table for voters with partial vision

Voters Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- Speak calmly and directly to voter
- Avoid impulse to talk louder to people with hearing impairments
- Pointing to appropriate objects or using visual aids can be very helpful
- Sometimes written communications works best

In what ways can we make our polling places more accessible?

Closing the Polls

Polls Close at 8 p.m.

• Anyone in line at 8 p.m. can vote!

 Once the last voter has left, then begin the take down of signs and equipment

 Your head judge will lead closing duties, work with them to make sure required documents are properly completed Generalized closing procedures will include:

- Members of the public and/or media folks might be present during closing procedures
- Counting signatures on the roster or counting voter receipts
- Running results tape from the equipment
- Counting write-in votes (following instructions of local election officials)
- Counting unused ballots
- Removing voted ballots from voting equipment

Generalized closing procedures will include:

- Counting the number of voted ballots and placing them into locked storage cases/envelopes
- Making sure that the number of those who voted at the polls...
 - matches the number of ballots noted on the results tape
 - matches the number of voted, paper ballots in the voting equipment.
- Completing summary statements and other forms.
- Closing and securing equipment.
- Transporting ballots and documents to local election officials

THANK YOU!



Head Judge Details & Procedures

Head Judge Duties

- Lead official in the polling place
- Picks up the precinct supplies before the election
- Oversees polling place setup and takedown
- Administers the election judge oath
- Conducts the challenge process
- Completes election returns and other forms

Authorized Persons While Polls are Open

- Persons helping a voter
- Children accompanying voters
- Vouchers
- Observers with written authorization from the secretary of state, county auditor or clerk
- Peace officers, if judges request their presence to keep order
- Challengers appointed in writing by a political party or nonpartisan candidate
- Teachers and elementary/high school students, if participating in a mock election that has been authorized by the secretary of state
- Persons making a written complaint
- Media
- People conducting exit polls can be on the premises, but not in the room where voting occurs

Media

Must present photo ID to the Head Judge and either:

- Media credential
- Written statement from a local election official

Cannot:

- Approach within 6 ft. of someone voting
- Converse with voter while in the poll place
- Make a list of persons voting or not voting
- Interfere with the voting process

In-Person Challenge Procedure

- Challenged voter swears oath
- Election judge questions voter regarding challenge
- If voter answers indicate they are eligible, voter signs roster and votes
- If the voter refuses to answer questions or sign the roster, they cannot vote
 - Cannot come back later in the day and vote
 - Make note in Roster on voter's roster line
- Election judge records outcome on Oath of Challenge form

Common Roster Notations

- A.B. or Absentee Ballot
 - Voter has already cast an absentee ballot and cannot vote again in person
- See ID
 - Must show proof of residence document
- Challenged Postal Return
- Challenged Voted Out of Precinct
- Challenged Unverifiable
- Challenged Felony
- Challenged Guardianship

Roster Challenge Procedure M.S. 204C.12

Have the voter swear or affirm the oath

 Ask the appropriate question in your guide to determine if they are eligible:
 Example: felony: 'Are you on probation or parole for a felony conviction?'

Make a note in the Incident Log

If Ballot Counter Stops Working

With party balance:

•Open auxiliary slot on ballot box and contact clerk Voting continues without interruption, *then* notify the elections office

 When counter is working again, put ballots in auxiliary slot into ballot counter

Closing the Polls Overview

- Process ballots
- Complete summary statements

Precinct Summary Statement State General Election November 8, 2022

Municipality		
Ward	Precinct	Check if Absentee (AB)
County		
Number of Elec	tion Judges who worked in this precinct	*
Number of Voti	ng Booths in this precinct	<u>*</u>

Closing the Polls Overview

- Number of Signatures on Roster ≠ Number Ballots in Box?
 - Review for excess ballots (more votes than voters)
 - If exists, contact clerk/auditor
 - If does not exist, proceed
- Pack supplies and unused ballots
- Seal all used ballots, ensure ballot box is empty
- Deliver election materials and results to local officials

THANK YOU HEAD JUDGES!

