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DATED: July 28, 2025

TO: Oconto County Board Supervisor Candidates

FROM: Kim Pytleski, County Clerk

RE: **2026 County Board Supervisor Elections**

The following information should be helpful to anyone intending to become a candidate for the office of County Board Supervisor.

ELECTION DATES: **Spring Primary – February 17, 2026**
 Spring Election – April 7, 2026

Attached are the following:

- **2026 Ballot Access Checklist** – County Supervisor (ELIS-3, Rev. 2024-07).
- **Campaign Registration Statement** (CF-1 Local Candidate, Rev. 10/24) must be filed prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2025.
- **Declaration of Candidacy** (EL-162, Rev. 2019-08), which must be filed by the deadline for filing nomination papers. (Can be signed and filed at the same time as the Campaign Registration Statement).
- **Nomination Paper for Nonpartisan Office** (EL-169, Rev. 2019-10), which includes Wisconsin Elections Commission: Nomination Paper Review Guidelines.

The first day to circulate nomination paper is December 1, 2025. A minimum of 20 and a maximum of 100 signatures are required for Oconto County Supervisor Candidates.

The deadline to file nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the Oconto County Clerk's Office, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St. Building A, 2nd Floor, Oconto, WI 54153. Only ORIGINALS will be accepted (nomination papers cannot be faxed or emailed).

If you have any questions completing any of the forms, please contact the Oconto County Clerk's Office, 920-834-6800; the Wisconsin Elections Commission, 608-266-8005; or the Wisconsin Ethics Commission, 608-266-8123.

2026 BALLOT ACCESS CHECKLIST

COUNTY SUPERVISOR & COUNTY EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES



Each of the following forms must be completed and filed on time by a candidate for the office of County Supervisor or County Executive in order for the candidate's name to be placed on the ballot at the **February 17, 2026 Spring Primary** and the **April 7, 2026 Spring Election**. The filing officer for County Supervisor and County Executive is the County Clerk. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

- ☐ **Register your Campaign Committee** A current registration (CF-1L) must be filed prior to raising or spending any funds, and no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2026** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. For questions, please contact the Wisconsin Ethics Commission: ethics@wi.gov | 608-266-8123.

- ☐ **Circulate and Submit Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169)** to the filing officer no later than **5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026**. Only original nomination papers (no photocopies, faxes, or emailed documents) will be accepted. Nomination papers may not be circulated before December 1, 2025. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04(2).

The number of signatures required is as follows:

County Supervisor:

In counties with populations over 750,000	200 - 400
In counties with populations between 100,000 and 750,000	*100 - 200
In counties with populations under 100,000	20 - 100

County Executive:

In counties with populations over 750,000	2000 - 4000
In counties with populations between 100,000 and 750,000	500 - 1000
In counties with populations under 100,000	20 - 400

*This number applies unless the county has passed an ordinance per Wis. Stat. § 8.10(3m), to reduce the minimum number of signatures to 50.

- ☐ **Complete and Submit a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162)** to the County Clerk. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be received in the County Clerk's office no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026** or the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. If the form is faxed or emailed, the original document must follow, postmarked no later than January 6, 2026. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.10(5), 8.21, 8.30(4), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: A county may enact an ordinance establishing a code of ethics for public officials that may require a candidate for county office to file a Statement of Economic Interests (SEI). The ordinance may also provide that failure to timely file an SEI will prevent the candidate's name from being placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 19.59(1m), (3)(b). Please contact the filing officer to learn if this requirement applies to you.



CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE/CONDUIT REGISTRATION STATEMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Note: An amended registration statement must be filed within 10 days of any changes in information.

1. Is this an Amendment? No Yes If yes, please enter your committee number:	Committee Number
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SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

A1. Committee/Conduit Name		A2. Registrant Type (Choose One) Candidate Referendum Recall Conduit Political Action (PAC) Independent Expenditure (IEC) Political Party Legislative Campaign Committee		
A3. Email	A4. Phone			
A5. Mailing Address		A6. City	A7. State	A8. Zip
Depository Institution Information				
A9. Institution Name	A10. Street Address	A11. City	A12. State	A13. Zip
Treasurer/Administrator Information				
A14. Name	A15. Email	A16. Phone		
A17. Mailing Address	A18. City	A19. State	A20. Zip	
Other Officers (Optional) <i>Independent and local non-partisan candidates: Indicate by an asterisk (*) which officers are authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination due to death of candidate.</i>				
A21. Name	A22. Title	A23. Email	A24. Phone	
A25. Name	A26. Title	A27. Email	A28. Phone	
Filing Exemption <i>Registrants that will not accept contributions, make disbursements, or incur obligations in an aggregate amount of more than \$2,500 in a calendar year are eligible for exemption from filing campaign finance reports. For committees registering with the Commission, exempt status is effective only for the calendar year in which it is granted. Those committees registering with the Commission that want to remain exempt must renew each year. Local candidate committees that do not anticipate accepting or making contributions, making disbursements, or incurring obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year may claim an exemption from filing campaign finance reports at any time. This exemption applies until the local candidate committee exceeds the \$2,500 aggregate activity threshold, amends its registration, or is terminated.</i>		A29. Exemption Affirmation Yes, this registrant is eligible for exemption. No, this registrant is not eligible for exemption.		

SECTION B: CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

B1. Office Sought (include District/Branch)	B2. Political Party	B3. Election Date
Candidate Information		
B4. Name	B5. Email	B6. Phone
B7. Mailing Address	B8. City	B9. State B10. Zip
Second Candidate Committee <i>An individual who holds a state or local elective office may establish a second candidate committee to pursue another state or local office.</i>	B11. Is this your only registered candidate committee in Wisconsin? Yes, this is my only candidate committee in Wisconsin. No, this is my second candidate committee in Wisconsin.	
B12. Other Office Held or Sought (include District/Branch) <i>Only complete B12 if you responded "No" to B11.</i>		



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SECTION C: RECALL COMMITTEES

C1. Name of Official Subject to Recall	C2. Office of Official Subject to Recall	C3. Support Oppose
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SECTION D: PAC, IEC, AND CONDUITS

D1. Sponsoring Organization	D2. Email	D3. Phone		
D4. Mailing Address	D5. City	D6. State	D7. Zip	

SECTION E: POLITICAL PARTY & LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

E1. Political Party or Legislative Campaign Committee	E2. Does the Party or Committee have a Segregated Fund? No Yes			
Segregated Fund Depository Institution Information (if applicable)				
E3. Institution Name	E4. Street Address	E5. City	E6. State	E7. Zip

SECTION F: REFERENDA COMMITTEES

F1. Nature of Referendum (if applicable)	F2. Support Oppose
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SECTION G: CERTIFICATION

Accurate Information

I certify that I am an authorized representative of the registrant and that to my knowledge all of the information contained within this registration is true, correct, and complete.

Timely Amendments

I am aware of the requirement to amend this registration statement within 10 days of any change of information contained within, as well as the requirement to register within 10 days of meeting the requirements to register under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Records Retention

I acknowledge the duty to maintain records in an organized and legible manner for three years from the date of the most recent election in which this registrant participates. If registering a candidate committee, I acknowledge the duty to maintain records in an organized and legible manner for the three-year period prescribed in s.11.0201(4).

Ongoing Compliance

This registrant shall continue to maintain its registration and comply with all applicable reporting requirements under Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Treasurer/Administrator

G1. Printed Name	G2. Signature	G3. Date
Candidate (if applicable)		
G4. Printed Name	G5. Signature	G6. Date



FORM INSTRUCTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE/CONDUIT REGISTRATION STATEMENT (CF-1)

Note: This form is used to register a committee or conduit under Chapter 11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Committees and conduits required to register and report with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission should register and report using the Commission's Campaign Finance Information System which can be found on line at cfis.wi.gov. Committees required to register and report with a local filing officer must register with this form. The Commission does not intend to use any personally identifiable information from this form for any purpose other than registering a committee or conduit. This form will be made available to the public upon request. All information you provide is available to the public.

Item 1. Is this an amendment? Check the appropriate box. If "Yes" is checked, enter the committee ID number if you have one. If "No" is checked, proceed directly to Section A.

Section A: General Information. All committees and conduits must complete section A. Candidates for local office may find the CF-1L form easier to use. Either form CF-1 or CF-1L is allowed.

Item A1: Committee/Conduit Name. All committees and conduits must have a name. It is not required that the name include the candidate or organization's name, but it is recommended. A political party committee wishing to operate under the same name as a state political party committee must receive authorization from that state party (Wis. STAT. § 11.0101(26)(a)1).

Item A29: Exemption Affirmation. Committees claiming exemption may not have more than \$2,500 of activity, in the aggregate per year. For example, in a calendar year, if you raise \$1,600 and spend \$1,000 you have \$2,600 of aggregate activity and are not eligible to claim exemption.

Depository Institution Information. All committees and conduits must designate a depository institution. While it is recommended that all committees have a designated campaign depository account, candidates who will serve as their own treasurer may designate a single personal account to serve as the committee depository account while claiming a filing exemption and may intermingle personal and campaign funds (Wis. STAT. § 11.0201(2)(b)).

Treasurer/Administrator Information. Each committee must appoint a treasurer and each conduit must appoint an administrator. Any adult may serve as a treasurer or administrator. A candidate may serve as his or her own treasurer. If a candidate is serving as their own treasurer, please enter 'Candidate' or 'Self' in the name, and then you can leave the other treasurer information blank.

Section B: Candidate Committees. All candidates register their committee to appear on the ballot. Candidate committees must complete section B. No other committee type should complete section B. Candidates for local office may find the CF-1L form easier to use. Either form CF-1 or CF-1L is allowed.

Section C: Recall Committees. Recall committees must complete section C. No other committee type should complete section C.

Section D: PAC, IEC, and Conduits. Political action committees, independent expenditure committees, and conduits must complete section D. No other committee type should complete section B. All fields in section D refer to the sponsoring organization's contact information.

Section E: Political Party and Legislative Campaign Committees. Only political party committees and legislative campaign committees should complete section E.

Item E2. A political party or a legislative campaign committee may establish a segregated fund for purposes other than making contributions to a candidate committee or making disbursements for express advocacy (Wis. STAT. § 11.1104(6)). If the political party or legislative campaign committee has a segregated fund, please indicate by checking "Yes."

Items E3 - E7. If the segregated fund is maintained with the same depository institution as the primary account, write "Same as primary account." in E3.

Section F: Referendum Committees. Only referendum committees should complete section F.

Section G: Certification. All committees and conduits must complete section G. If a candidate is serving as their own treasurer, they only need to sign the certification once as either the candidate or treasurer.

Declaration of Candidacy

(See instructions for preparation on back)

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Is this an amendment?

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Yes (if you have already filed a DOC for this election)

☐

No (if this is the first DOC you have filed for this election)

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that

Candidate's name

I am a candidate for the office of _____

Official name of office - Include district, branch or seat number

representing _____

If partisan election, name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less (Candidates for nonpartisan office may leave blank.)

and I meet or will meet at the time I assume office the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.¹

My present address, including my municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

				Town of <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Village of <input type="checkbox"/>	
				City of <input type="checkbox"/>	

House or fire no.

Street Name

Mailing Municipality and State

Zip code

Municipality of Residence for Voting

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of _____

(County where oath administered)

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ss.

(Signature of candidate)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

**NOTARY SEAL
REQUIRED, IF OATH
ADMINISTERED BY
NOTARY PUBLIC**

☐ Notary Public or ☐ other official _____

(Official title, if not a notary)

If Notary Public: My commission expires _____ or ☐ is permanent.

The information on this form is required by Wis. Stat. § 8.21, Art. XIII, Sec. 3, Wis. Const., and must be filed with the filing officer in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), 887.01.

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¹ A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to any office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a **Declaration of Candidacy**. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the filing officer no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the filing officer with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

Information to be provided by the candidate:

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any district, branch, or seat number** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line. *For legislative offices insert the title and district number, for district attorneys insert the title and the county, for circuit court offices insert the title, county and branch number, and for municipal and school board offices insert the title and any district or seat number.*
- Type or print the political party affiliation or principle supported by you in five words or less on the third line. *Nonpartisan candidates may leave this line blank.*
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust. These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.**
- Your current address, including your municipality of residence for voting purposes, must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include your entire mailing address (**street and number, municipality where you receive mail**) and the name of the municipality in which you reside and vote (town, village, or city of ____). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the filing officer. Wis. Stat. § 8.21. *Federal candidates are not required to provide this information, however an address for contact purposes is helpful.*
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, former legal surname, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, surname or nickname with last name.

Note: The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as “Red” or “Skip” are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as “Lower taxes,” “None of the above” or “Lower Spending” are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses. For example, John “Jack” Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county or municipal clerk. Wis. Stat. §§ 8.21(2), 887.01(1).

Information to be provided by the person administering the oath:

- The county where the oath was administered.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the notary seal is required and the date the notary's commission expires must be listed.

All candidates for offices using the nomination paper process must file this form (*and all school district candidates must file the EL-162sd*) with the appropriate filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. Wis. Stats. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.20 (6), 8.21, 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b). Candidates nominated for local office at a caucus must file this form with their municipal clerk within 5 days of receiving notice of nomination. Wis. Stat. § 8.05 (l)(j).

NOMINATION PAPER FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Candidate's name (required) ; no titles may be used.		Candidate's residential address (required) <i>No P.O. box addresses</i> Street, fire, or rural route number; box number (if rural route); and name of street or road		Candidate's municipality for <u>voting</u> purposes (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village _____ <input type="checkbox"/> City _____ (name of municipality)	
Candidate's mailing address, including municipality for mailing purposes (required) if different than residential address or voting municipality)		WI	State (required)	Zip code	Type of election (required) <input type="checkbox"/> spring <input type="checkbox"/> special
Election date (required) <i>Do not use primary date.</i> <u>Mo/Day/Year</u>					
Title of office (required)		Branch, district or seat number (required) if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Seat		Name of jurisdiction or district in which candidate seeks office (required)	

I, the undersigned, request that the candidate, whose name and residential address are listed above, be placed on the ballot at the election described above as a candidate so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for ☐ him or ☐ her for the office listed above. I am eligible to vote in the jurisdiction or district in which the candidate named above seeks office. I have not signed the nomination paper of any other candidate for the same office at this election.

The municipality used for mailing purposes, when different than municipality of residence, is not sufficient. The name of the municipality of residence must always be listed.

Signatures of Electors	Printed Name of Electors	Residential Address <i>(No P.O. Box Addresses)</i> Street and Number or Rural Route <small>(Rural address must also include box or fire no.)</small>	Municipality of Residence <small>Check the type and write the name of your municipality for voting purposes.</small>	Date of Signing Mo/Day/Year
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
3.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
4.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
5.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
6.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
7.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
8.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
9.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	
10.			<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	

CERTIFICATION OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____ certify: I reside at _____.

(Name of circulator) (Circulator's residential address - **Include number, street, and municipality.**)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. §6.03. I personally circulated this nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district the candidate seeks to represent. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this candidate. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

(Date) (Signature of circulator)

Page No.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING NOMINATION PAPERS FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

This is a sample nomination paper form. It conforms to the statutory requirements for nomination papers for nonpartisan office. All information concerning the candidate must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the appropriate filing officer. This form may be reproduced in any way. A candidate's picture and biographical data may also be added to this form. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on nomination papers. Candidates are advised to send a sample of their completed form the filing officer for review before circulation.

Page Numbers – Number each page consecutively, beginning with “1”, before submitting to the filing officer. A space for page numbers has been provided in the lower right-hand corner of the form.

Candidate's Name - Insert the candidate's name. A candidate may use his or her full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials or nickname with last name. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as “Red” or “Skip” are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as “Lower taxes,” “None of the above” or “Lower Spending” are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John “Jack” Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

Candidate's Address – Insert the candidate's residential address (*no P.O. Box addresses*) and the municipality for voting purposes. Indicate if the municipality of residence is a town, village, or city. If a candidate's mailing address is different from the residential address or voting municipality, a complete mailing address must also be given.

Date of Election - Insert the date of the election. If the nomination paper is being circulated for a spring election, the date is the first Tuesday in April. If the election is a special nonpartisan election, the date of the special election must be listed.

Title of Office - The name of the office must be listed **along with any branch, district, or seat number** (if applicable) that clearly identifies the office the candidate is seeking. If necessary, the name of the jurisdiction that identifies the office, such as Dane County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3, must also be listed.

Name of Jurisdiction - The nomination papers must also indicate the municipality or jurisdiction in which the signing electors are qualified to vote, as it relates to the office sought by the candidate named on the nomination paper. For example, for a statewide office the jurisdiction is the State of Wisconsin. Others may be the county, town, village, city, aldermanic district, school district, or town sanitary district, as required.

Signatures and Printed Name of Electors - Only qualified electors of the jurisdiction or the district the candidate seeks to represent may sign the nomination papers. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector must provide their **residential** address (*no P.O. Box addresses*), including any street, fire or rural route number, box number (if rural route) and street or road name, and municipality of residence. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides. The name of the Municipality of Residence must be listed for each signing elector and must clearly identify the town, village or city where the elector's voting residence is located. The date the elector signed the nomination paper, including month, day and year, must be indicated. Ditto marks that follow correct and complete address or date information are acceptable. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address or date information before the papers are filed with the filing officer.

Signature of Circulator - The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. **THE CIRCULATOR MUST PERSONALLY PRESENT THE NOMINATION PAPER TO EACH SIGNER. THE NOMINATION PAPER MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.** The circulator's complete residential address including municipality of residence must be listed in the certification. **After** obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

Other Instructions - Candidates and circulators should review Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission §§ 2.05, 2.07, Wis. Adm. Code.

- *Original* nomination papers must be in the physical custody of the appropriate filing officer by the filing deadline. A postmark on the filing deadline is **NOT** sufficient. Nomination papers **CANNOT** be faxed to the filing officer. Ch. Wisconsin Elections Commission § 6.04(2), Wis. Adm. Code.
- Nomination papers with the required number of signatures must be filed with the appropriate filing officer **no later than 5:00 p.m.** on the first Tuesday in January (or the next day if the first Tuesday is a holiday) before the spring election. Special elections may have different filing deadlines. Check with the filing officer.
- In order for a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot, a candidate must file a *Campaign Registration Statement* (ETHCF-1), a *Declaration of Candidacy* (EL-162), and *Nomination Papers* (EL-169) containing the appropriate number of signatures for the office sought no later than the filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 8.10(3). Candidates for state office and municipal judge must also file a statement of economic interests with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission by the third business day after the nomination paper filing deadline. Wis. Stat. § 19.43. If any one of these required forms is not filed by the deadline, the candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Wis. Stat. § 8.30.
- If a candidate or circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the filing officer.

Wisconsin Elections Commission: Nomination Paper Review Guidelines

Process Overview

- Use a red pen to mark up the petition during the review process.
- Circle any piece of information on the petition page that is missing or problematic.
- Make a red check to the right of the row to indicate a signature should not be counted.
- Make a red question mark (?) to note questionable signatures that have been counted or to note omitted information on signature line where that signature is still able to be counted.
- Write the number of signatures counted on the upper, right-hand corner of each sheet.

Step 1: Review the Header

Overview: The header of each petition page must contain all the required candidate information. If any of the required information is missing, or incorrect, no signatures on that page can be counted.

Required information:

1. Name of candidate
2. Residential address of candidate
 - a. Street number and street name (P.O. box addresses are not acceptable)
 - b. Municipality for voting purposes
 - c. State
3. Type of election
4. Election date
5. Title of office sought
6. Branch, district or seat number of office sought (if applicable)
7. Name of district in which candidate seeks office

Other information:

1. Mailing address (only required if different than residential address or voting municipality)
2. Zip code (may be present but not required)

Step 2: Review the Certification of Circulator

Overview: The Certification of Circulator section is completed after the signatures on that page have been collected. Each petition page must contain all the required circulator information, the circulator's signature and a certification date that is on or

after the latest date of a signer. If any of the required information is missing or incorrect, no signatures on that page may be counted. If missing circulator information can be determined from another section of the petition page, the signatures on that page should be counted. Most often this occurs when a circulator is also the candidate or has signed that page as an eligible elector.

Residency of Circulator: The circulator does not need to reside in the district represented by the candidate, nor do they need to be a resident of Wisconsin. All circulators must be otherwise eligible to register to vote in Wisconsin (18 years of age, U.S. citizen, not serving any portion of a sentence for a felony offense). They do not need to be registered to vote in Wisconsin or any other state to circulate nomination papers.

Required information:

1. Name of circulator - Signatures on the page should be counted if the circulator printed their name on the line meant for their signature.
2. Address of circulator
 - a. Street number, street name and municipality - If missing circulator address, including municipality, can be determined from another section of the petition page, the signatures on that page should be counted.
 - b. State and zip code are not required.
3. Date (month/day/year) – All signatures must be dated within the circulation period. No signatures should be counted on a page where any portion of the date is missing.
4. Signature of circulator – Signatures on the page should be counted if the circulator signed on the line that should have the printed name.

Step 3: Review the Body of the Petition

Required information:

1. Signature of elector
 - a. Signature does not need be legible.
 - b. Electors may sign with an "X" or other mark if that is their usual signature.
 - c. Signature does not need to be cursive.
2. Printed name of elector
 - a. A printed name must be present in addition to the signature of the elector.
 - b. If a possible printed name can be determined, the signature should be counted.

- c. If a printed name cannot be determined, the signature should be struck from the petition.

3. Residential Address

- a. Street name and street number or rural route are required.
- b. Rural address must also include box or fire number.
- c. P.O. boxes are only allowed if they are listed in addition to the residential address information. Signatures where only a P.O. box has been provided should be counted if the municipality of residence is entirely in the district. Mark with a question mark.
- d. Ditto marks are allowed if they follow a valid address and the signer is using those marks to indicate they also reside at that address.
- e. If all or part of the required address information of a signer is missing but residency can be determined by information found in another section of that specific petition page, that signature should be counted. This generally occurs when the signer is also the candidate and/or the circulator and the missing information is in the header or the certification section. Indicate on the petition page where that information is located.

4. Municipality of Residence

- a. Municipality listed must be within the district represented by the candidate.
- b. Abbreviations are allowed (e.g. "FDL" for Fond Du Lac or "Milw" for Milwaukee).
- c. Ditto marks are allowed if they follow a valid municipality and the signer is using those marks to indicate they also reside in the municipality.
- d. The Town/Village/City check box does not need to be checked.
- e. If the municipality of residence was provided in the Residential Address field, the signature should be counted.
- f. If the municipality information of a signer is missing but residency can be determined by information found in another section of that specific petition page (most likely in the header or the Certification of Circulator), that signature should be counted. Indicate on the petition page where that information is located.

5. Date of Signing

- a. A complete date includes the month/date/year.
- b. Date must be within the circulation period.
- c. Date must be on or before the date the page was certified by the circulator.

- d. Ditto marks are allowed if they follow a valid date and the signer is using those marks to indicate they also signed on the same date. If ditto marks are used for the date of the last signer, the signature can be counted if it follows a valid date.
- e. A missing date can be bracketed ([]) if valid and complete dates appear on the line above and the line below the signature line with the missing date.
- f. If the date of the first or last signer is incomplete, it cannot be bracketed, and that signature should not be counted.

Step 4: Count the Signatures

1. Sort the petition by the number of valid signatures on each page before determining the final number of valid signatures.
2. Place the pages with 10 counted signatures on top, followed by the pages with 9, etc.
3. Use a tally sheet or calculator to determine the number of valid signatures on the petition.
4. Determine if the number of valid signatures is sufficient for the office sought. Use the appropriate Ballot Access Checklist to determine the signature threshold for the office sought:

a. County Non-partisan Candidates	ELIS-3
b. School District Candidates	ELIS-5
c. Municipal Candidates	ELIS-7
d. County Partisan Candidates	ELIS-16
e. Multi-jurisdictional Judge Candidates	ELIS-18

NOMINATION PAPER FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

Candidate's name (required); no titles may be used. Erin Rogers		Candidate's residential address (required) No P.O. box addresses Street, fire, or rural route number; box number (if rural route); and name of street or road 1014 Dafodil Drive		Candidate's municipality for voting purposes (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Town Ashwaubenon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City (name of municipality)	
Candidate's mailing address, including municipality for mailing purposes (required if different than residential address or voting municipality)		State (required) WI	Zip code 54115	Type of election (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> spring <input type="checkbox"/> special	Election date (required) Do not use primary date. Mo/Day/Year April 3, 2018
Title of office (required) School Board member		Branch, district or seat number (required if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Branch <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Seat		Name of jurisdiction or district in which candidate seeks office (required) Ashwaubenon School District	

I, the undersigned, request that the candidate, whose name and residential address are listed above, be placed on the ballot at the election described above as a candidate so that voters will have the opportunity to vote for ☐ him or ☒ her for the office listed above. I am eligible to vote in the jurisdiction or district in which the candidate named above seeks office. I have not signed the nomination paper of any other candidate for the same office at this election.

The municipality used for mailing purposes, when different than municipality of residence, is not sufficient. The name of the municipality of residence must always be listed.					
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1. <i>Ronald Smith</i>	Ronald Smith	21 Easy Street	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City Green Bay	12/2/2017	
2. <i>Mary Johnson</i>	Mary Johnson	179 North St.	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City G.B.	12/7/17	
3. <i>Franklin Davis</i>	Franklin Davis	West Ave	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City "	12/13/17	
4. <i>Jan Jaso</i>	Jan Jaso	10 Franklin Court Apt. 203	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City	12/13/2017	
5. <i>Bill Johnson</i>		3012 Oriole Lane	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City De Pere	12/4/17	
6. <i>Sally Simmons</i>	Sally Simmons	42 Yankee Way	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City Green Bay	12/4/17	
7. <i>John Wells</i>	John Wells	21 Pirate Lane	<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City Ashwaubenton		
8. <i>Ted Thompson</i>	Ted Thompson		<input type="checkbox"/> Town <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City Green Bay	12/5/17	
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CERTIFICATION OF CIRCULATOR

I, Theodore Thompson (Name of circulator) certify: I reside at 101 Main Street, Green Bay (Circulator's residential address - include number, street, and municipality.)
 I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. §6.03. I personally circulated this nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures on this paper. I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district the candidate seeks to represent. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this candidate. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under Wis. Stat. § 12.13(3)(a).

12/6/2017 (Date)
Ted Thompson (Signature of circulator)

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