



**AGENDA  
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Cascade Township Library

Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith DR SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

- Article 1. Call to Order, Roll Call**
- Article 2. Approval of Agenda**
- Article 3. Receive and File Minutes**  
a) Election Commission – 8/27/2025
- Article 4. Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 5. New Business**  
a) Appointment of Election Inspectors for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election.  
b) Scheduling of the Public Accuracy Test for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.  
c) Scheduling of Absentee Voting Pre-Processing dates as July 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and July 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- Article 6. Adjournment**



# CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

5920 Tahoe Dr. SE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546

**Date:** June 23, 2026

**To:** Cascade Charter Township Election Commission

**From:** Sue Slater, Clerk & Election Commission Chair

**CC:** Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk & Robyn McKenna, Election Specialist

**Subject:** Election Commission Meeting, June 24, 2026, 6:30pm at Cascade Township Library Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith DR SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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## MEMO of AGENDA ITEMS:

### Article 5.

#### **Item (a). Appointment of Election Inspectors for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election.**

Election inspector appointments must be made by the city or township election commission at least 21 days before each election. Election inspectors must be appointed at least five days prior to the last election inspector training session to be held in the jurisdiction. The election commission must notify each major political party's county chair of the names and political party affiliations of appointed election inspectors, as well as the polling place or AVCB in which each election inspector will serve, no more than two business days after the election inspector's appointment.

Attached is the proposed schedule for the August 2026 Primary Election.

Proposed Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ moves to appoint the election inspectors as presented for the August 2026 Primary Election and gives the Clerk and her designees permission to fill vacancies as needed due to emergencies or cancellations, \_\_\_\_\_ supported. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Item (b).**

Per MCL 168.794a(3), the "board of election commissioners shall provide for an accuracy test of an electronic voting system in the manner prescribed in rules promulgated by the Secretary of State." The Michigan Bureau of Elections, under the direction of the Secretary of State, has published the *Election Officials' Manual*. The *Election Officials' Manual* states that, in addition to preliminary accuracy testing, "a public test of one or more selected tabulators must be performed" not later than "five days before the election. In addition, a notice of the test must be published in a newspaper or journal of general circulation at least 48 hours prior to the conduct of the test."

Proposed Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ moves to schedule the Public Accuracy Test for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ supported. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk's Office has arranged for publication of the Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment in the Grand Rapids Press in accordance with the law. In addition, a copy of the notice will be posted on the Township's website, and a physical copy will be displayed in the front window of the Township Hall.

**Item (c).**

The local election commission of a jurisdiction with a population of over 5,000 can establish an AVCB on any of the eight days before Election Day, beginning on the second Monday before Election Day. MCL 168.765a(12) requires all jurisdictions that wish to operate absent voter counting boards for the processing and tabulation of AV ballots before Election Day to provide notice of this intent to the Secretary of State. For the August 2026 election, this notice must be provided by July 7, 2026.

Proposed Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ moves to establish Early AV Pre-Processing for the August 2026 Primary Election on July 29, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. and July 30, 2026, starting at 9:00a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ supported. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES  
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 5:15 P.M.  
Cascade Fire Station 1  
2865 Thornhills Ave SE  
Grand Rapids MI 49546

- Article 1. Clerk Slater called the meeting to order at 5: 15 p.m.  
Present: Clerk Slater, Trustee S. Rissi, and Trustee J. Shipley  
Also Present: Deputy Clerk J. Jager and Election Specialist J. Baumann
- Article 2. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 3. Receive and File Minutes  
1. Election Commission — 06/25/25  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing.  
(Limit comments to 3 minutes)  
None.
- Article 5. New Business  
  
008-2025 Approval of Ballot Wording for the 11/04/25 Special Election Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Adjournment  
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Rissi to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Jan Baumann

Election Specialist

Approved by:

  
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Susan B. Slater, Clerk

**PRECINCT INSPECTORS FOR AUGUST 4, 2026 ELECTION**

As of 06/23/2026

CASCADE LIBRARY WISNER CENTER - 2870 JACKSMITH AVE SE							
PRECINCT 1	Precinct 1	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Alan	Slater	5/16/2026	5/16/2028	D	Chairperson	616-893-4836	slateral@yahoo.com
Joe	Engel	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D	EPB	616-430-1875	ajengel3@yahoo.com
Jeanne	Moldal	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R		616-206-8023	jlmodal83@gmail.com
Barb	Mathey	5/24/2026	5/24/2028	R		616-304-9065	matheyb@me.com
Robert	Kalinka	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D		616-676-9717	rbk@prktech.com
Ronald	Smith			R		616-581-1809	rlsmith3737@hotmail.com

CASCADE FELLOWSHIP CRC - 6655 CASCADE RD SE							
PRECINCT 2	Precinct 2	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Karen	Santelli	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D	Chairperson	630-240-1685	kts9774@gmail.com
Andrea	Leetsma			R	EPB		
Martina	Jenkins			R		616-285-8063	mjjgrand@sbcglobal.net
Kristen	Logan	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D	New	210-749-6121	kblogan@gmail.com
Ronald	Dangler			R		616-901-9550	danglerfam@comcast.net
Carole	Retan	Scheduled 6/29		D		517-285-1293	caroleretan@gmail.com

CASCADE CHRISTIAN CHURCH-CENTENNIAL HALL - 2829 THORNAPPLE RIVER DR. SE							
PRECINCT 3	Precinct 3	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Jeanine	Heibel	6/11/2026	6/11/2028	D	Chairperson	616-626-0288	jenheibel@gmail.com
Bob	Potter	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R	EPB	616-648-2767	bob.potter62@yahoo.com
Jan	Pottorff	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D		616-690-8729	janpottorff@gmail.com
Sandi	Veenkamp	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R		616-690-2631	SANDIMVEENKAMP@GMAIL.COM
Rhonda	Clemens-Anderson	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D	New	989-430-0348	r.canderson@outlook.com
Gordon	Koetje	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R		616-250-8378	gkkoetje@gmail.com

ADA BIBLE CHURCH (SOUTH ENTRANCE) - 8899 CASCADE RD SE							
PRECINCT 4	Precinct 4	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Lynne	Kleeman			D	Chairperson	616-490-3581	lynnekleeman@comcast.net
Shelli	Otten			R	EPB	616-443-4891	sottenecc@gmail.com
Lee	Watterworth			D		616-443-4731	LWATTERWORTH@GMAIL.COM
Mary	Loftis	Scheduled 7/14		D	New	616-915-3698	ravens208@att.net
Lisa	Bulthuis			R		616-262-3065	lisa.a.bulthuis@gmail.com
Tim	Bolema	5/16/2026	5/16/2028	D		616-558-2391	timothy_bolema@yahoo.com

THORNAPPLE COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH - 3260 THORNAPPLE RIVER DR							
PRECINCT 5	Precinct 5	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Cheryl	D'Amato			D	Chairperson	616-262-2422	sheryl@damato.us
Kim	Byam	6/10/2026	6/10/2028	R		616-262-3065	kimbyam@comcast.net
Todd	Knibbe			R	EPB	616-432-7150	catek04@yahoo.com
Lynne	Ike			D		616-401-2288	lynneike@comcast.net
Karen	Rogers			D		616-293-2598	MOREWASABI2@COMCAST.NET
Steve	Triezenberg	5/15/2026	5/15/2028	D		616-747-1323	sjtrizenberg@gmail.com

CASCADE TWP OFFICE - 5920 TAHOE DR SE							
AVCB	AVCB	Training	Expiration	PCT DUTY	Phone Number	Email	
Anne	Kendra	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	D	Chairperson	616-558-8570	kendraanne81@gmail.com
Anita	Gorsuch			D	Chairperson	616-260-2676	anitag67@yahoo.com
Deb	Johnson	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R		616-406-6881	nonpubb@sbcglobal.net
Debbie	Bush	6/3/2026	6/3/2028	R	New	348-464-1968	masonsgwamma@yahoo.com
Pam	Bertran	5/31/2026	5/31/2026	D		616-204-3339	pam.wayne@exede.net
Mary Lou	Lachniet	N/A			Absent Ballot Assemble	616-644-8217	mllachniet@att.net
JD	Shumway	N/A			Absent Ballot Assemble	616-822-0108	jdshumway1@gmail.com



# EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

**JULY 25, 2026 – AUGUST 2, 2026**

NAME	Party	Sat 07/25	Sun 07/26	Mon 07/27	Tues 07/28	Wed 07/29	Thurs 07/30	Fri 07/31	Sat 08/01	Sun 08/02
Beck, Marcella	D			X	X	X				
Engel, Joe	D								EPB	EPB
Gorsuch, Anita	D	X	X				AVCB	AVCB		
Jenkins, Martina	R				X		X		X	
Johnson, Deb	R		X				AVCB	AVCB		
Kalinka, Robert	D		X				X	X		
Kleeman, Lynne	D			EPB		X				
Mathey, Barbara	R								X	
Otten, Shelli	D								X	X
Paletta, LuAnn	R			X						X
Phillips, Ashleigh	D	X								
Potter, Bob	R		EPB			EPB		X	X	X
Retan, Carole	D					X				X
Rogers, Karen	D			X			X	X		
Santelli, Karen - Chair	D	CHAIR	CHAIR		X	CHAIR	CHAIR	CHAIR		
Slater, Alan - Chair	D			CHAIR	CHAIR				CHAIR	CHAIR
Snoeyink, Don	R	X								
Snoeyink, Karen	R	X								
Sweeney, Mark	R	EPB			EPB		EPB	EPB		
Alberts, Michelle										
McKenna, Robyn										
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

Work Hours: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm (Polls open 7:30-3:30)

Location: Cascade Library - Wisner Center

06/19/2026