Whitnall School Board Petition for Recount Packet April 9, 2025



Notice of Recount for the Office of School Board for the Whitnall School District in the Spring Election

TO: All Candidates On The Ballot For The Office of School Board Member for the

Whitnall School District and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Rachel Scherrer (Acting Clerk)

SUBJECT: Recount of the Votes Cast for the Office School Board Member for the Whitnall

School District in the Spring Election (April 1, 2025)

DATE: April 9, 2025

A recount of the votes cast at the April 1, 2025, Spring Election for the office of School Board Member for the Whitnall School District will begin at the time and location set forth below:

9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2025, at City of Greenfield City Hall 7325 W. Forest Home Avenue, Council Chambers (Room 100), Greenfield, WI 53220.

A copy of the recount petition is attached. This notice is given pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 9.01(2). You have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel to observe and challenge the votes cast and the board of canvassers' decisions at the election. Attachment

RECOUNT PETITION Whitnall School Board Election - April 9, 2025

To: Wisconsin Elections Commission & Rachel Scherrer Whitnall School Board Vice President and acting Clerk

From: Jason Craig Candidate for Whitnall School Board 11710 W. Shields Dr. Franklin, WI 53132

Subject: Request for Recount of Votes Cast in the Whitnall School Board Election

Date: 9 April 2025

Statement of Request I, Jason Craig, a candidate for the Whitnall School Board in the election held on April 1, 2025, hereby request a recount of all votes cast in this election within the municipalities of the Whitnall School District. The final canvass results indicate a margin of 13 votes out of 12,285 total votes cast, which falls within the statutory threshold for a state-funded recount under Wis. Stat. § 9.01(1)(a). Given the extremely narrow margin, it is in the best interest of election integrity to verify the accuracy of the results. Basis for the Recount Request This request is made in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 9.01(1)(a)2.b, as I am informed and believe that a mistake may have been committed in the counting and return of votes in one or more wards within the Whitnall School District. Because we did not have poll watchers present in all locations, a full review of ballots, tabulation processes, and reporting accuracy is necessary to ensure that every legally cast vote was counted correctly. This recount is requested to confirm the integrity of the election process and verify that no errors, miscounts, or irregularities affected the outcome. This request is not based on direct knowledge of fraud or misconduct but rather on the right of a candidate to ensure the accuracy of results when an election is decided by such a close margin.

Scope of the Recount I request that the recount include:

- A hand count of all ballots cast to verify accuracy against the machine tabulation.
- A review of all spoiled, rejected, and provisional ballots to confirm they were properly handled.
- A reconciliation of poll books and voter numbers to ensure no discrepancies exist in ballots cast versus total voters recorded.
- An examination of absentee ballot envelopes and signatures to confirm all legally cast absentee ballots were counted and any rejected ballots were properly excluded. Given the extremely close margin, I believe this recount is necessary to uphold public confidence in the election process and ensure the correct result is certified.

Conclusion For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the appropriate local election officials conduct a full recount of the votes cast in all applicable wards for the Whitnall School Board race. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate your commitment to election integrity and transparency.

Sincerely,

Jason Craig Candidate for Whitnall School Board (414-678-9823)

Attached is form EL-186 as mandated by Wisconsin Elections Commission

RECOUNT PETITION

Verified Petition The Election for Whitnall In Re: for Recount School Board of Education Petitioner (Jason Craig) alleges and shows to (Rachel Scherrer (acting clerk)): 1. That Petitioner was a candidate for the office of (Whitnall School Board of Education) in an election held on (April 1, 2025); 2. The Petitioner is an aggrieved party as defined in Wis. Stat. § 9.01(1)(a)5. 3. That Petitioner is informed and believes that a (mistake) has been committed in (Village of Hales Corners, City of Franklin Wards 20 and 21 and City of Greenfield Wards 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16) in the counting and return of votes cast for the office of (Whitnall School Board of Education); and/or 4. That Petitioner (is informed and believes) or (knows of his/her own knowledge) that: (Specify other defects, irregularities or illegalities in the conduct of the election). Wherefore: Petitioner requests a recount of (Village of Hales Corners, City of Franklin Wards 20 and 21, and City of Greenfield Wards 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16). Dated this I, (Jason Craig), being first duly sworn, on oath, state that the matters contained in the above petition are known to me to be true except for those allegations stated on information and belief, which I believe to be true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this _ day of

The information on this form is required by Wis. Stat. § 9.01. This form is prescribed by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, 201 W. Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984, (608) 261-2028 **EL-186** (Rev.3/24)

Motary Public (or other person authorized to administer oaths)

My Commission Expires 11

(specify expiration date)

ANTOINETTE GOLDSMITH

Notary Public State of Wisconsin

ORDER FOR RECOUNT

STATE OF WISCONSIN - Whitnall School Board

In the matter of:

ORDER FOR RECOUNT

A Recount of the School Board for Whitnall Board of Education for the Whitnall School District, held on April 11, 2025

On April 9, 2025, a recount petition was filed by Jason Craig, a candidate for the office of Whitnall School Board for the Whitnall School District, at the April 1, 2025 election. The petition requests a recount of Hales Corners(ward 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), Greenfield (ward 12,13,14,15,16) and Franklin (ward 20,21) for the office of School Board member. The filing officer has reviewed the petition. The petition is sufficient. Any applicable fee has been received and accepted.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 9.01:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A recount be conducted of all the votes cast for the office of Whitnall School Board for the Whitnall School District at the spring election held on April 1, 2025 in Hales Corners(ward 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), Greenfield (ward 12,13,14,15,16) and Franklin (ward 20,21).
- 2. The board of canvassers convene at 9am on April 11, 2025 at Greenfield, to begin the recount.
- 3. The recount be completed by the board of canvassers immediately.
- 4. The clerk transmits a certified canvass report of the result of the recount and a copy of the minutes of the recount proceedings to the Wisconsin Elections Commission immediately after the completion of the recount.

Dated: 04/09/2025

Signature: Rachel Scherrer