

**BEFORE THE
INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION**

ORDER 2026-17
SECOND AMENDED ORDER FOR RECOUNT PROCEEDING

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOUNT)
AND CONTEST FOR THE REPUBLICAN)
PARTY NOMINATION FOR ELECTION)
OF INDIANA STATE SENATE,)
DISTRICT 15)
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DARREN VOGT, Petitioner)
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v.)
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LIZ BROWN, Respondent)

1. The Indiana Recount Commission convened on May 26, 2026, and adopted Order 2026-8, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. Order 2026-8 employed Mr. Evan M. Norris as Recount Director and designated Mr. Norris to exercise any of the powers of the Commission, except for the powers listed in Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(a).
3. At 10:39 a.m., on May 19, 2026, a Verified Petition for Recount and Contest for the Election of Indiana State Senate, District 15, was filed with the Indiana Election Division by counsel representing Mr. Vogt, a candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for election to the office of Indiana State Senate, District 15, who is a candidate entitled to petition for a recount or contest under IC 3-12-11.
4. The Recount Director, acting under Order 2026-8, having reviewed the Petition, makes the following findings on behalf of the Commission: (A) that the Verified Petition for Recount and Contest (“Petition”) was timely filed; (B) that the Petition complies with the requirements of Indiana Code 3-12-11-3, with regard to its content concerning the recount proceeding; (C) that the Petitioner has filed a cash deposit in the amount required under Indiana Code 3-12-11-10; (D) that the period under Indiana Code 3-12-11-4 for the filing of a Cross-Petition has expired; and (E) that proof of service of all notices of the filing of a petition for a recount or contest under IC 3-12-11-9 has been filed with the Indiana Election Division as required under IC 3-12-11-12.

6. The Recount Director, acting under Order 2026-8, orders on behalf of the Commission that the Verified Petition for a Recount be granted.

7. The Recount Director, acting under Order 2026-8, orders on behalf of the Commission that a manual recount of all votes cast within the precincts located within Indiana State Senate District 15 be conducted in accordance with Indiana Code Title 3, and the *Guidelines for Conduct of an Election Recount and Contest*, as adopted by the Commission.

8. A pre-recount inspection (as referenced in the *Guidelines*) shall begin on **Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 8:00a**, local prevailing time, at the **Allen County Election Board** (1 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802) and will proceed to **2236 Carroll Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818** immediately thereafter. The pre-recount inspection will continue on **Friday, June 12, 2026 at 8:00a** at the **Allen County Election Board -or- 2236 Carroll Road**, if necessary.

9. The Recount Director takes under advisement the Petitioner's Petition for Contest, and other than finding under Paragraph 4(A) that the Petition for Contest was timely filed with the Election Division, takes no further action regarding the requested Contest proceeding as part of this Order.

10. The Election Division shall send a certified copy of this order in accordance with Indiana Code 3-12-11-12(f) by electronic mail to the Petitioner and Respondents, unless the attorney for that party has filed an appearance for Petitioner or Respondent and by certified mail in all other cases.

SO ORDERED THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026



Evan M. Norris, Recount Director
Acting on behalf of and
Under the authority of the
Indiana Recount Commission

Copies to:

Indiana State Police
Indiana State Board of Accounts
Allen County Election Board
James J. Ammeen, Jr., attorney for Petitioner
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