
**BEFORE THE
INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION**

ORDER 2026-24
ORDER

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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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 Evan M. Norris as Recount Director and designated Evan M. Norris to exercise any of the powers of the Commission, except for the powers listed in Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(a).
3. On June 10, 2026, Respondent Liz Brown filed her *Motion for Disclosure, Recusal, and Related Relief*.
4. The Recount Director defers further decision on Respondent Brown’s *Motion for Disclosure, Recusal, and Related Relief* to the Indiana Recount Commission. The Recount Director takes no further action with regard to the *Motion* at this time.
5. Respondent Brown’s *Motion* requests a stay of “all Senate District 15 merits determinations, disputed-ballot rulings, and material procedural rulings” until the *Motion* is resolved.
6. Per Order 2026-17, a Pre-Recount Inspection (as referenced in Chapter 2 of the *Guidelines for Conduct of an Election Recount and Contest*) is set to take place for the Senate District 15 Recount on June 11, 2026 and June 12, 2026.
7. Given the significant coordination between the State Board of Accounts, Indiana State Police, Recount Commission, and Allen County officials, **the Recount Director orders that the Pre-**

Recount Inspections proceed as scheduled on June 11, 2026 and June 12, 2026 per Order 2026-17.

8. The *Guidelines* mandate that a Pre-Recount Inspection occur (Ch. 2, Sect. 5(b)). The Pre-Recount Inspection is “designed to enable the parties to narrow the issues and material subject to dispute in the recount so that the recount may be conducted efficiently.” (Ch. 2, Sect. 5(b)(2)). The Pre-Recount Inspection is primarily designed to assist the State Board of Accounts with “organizing, sorting, or otherwise preparing election materials for tallying.” (Ch. 2, Sect. 5(c)). Finally, the “audit team [SBOA] conducting the advance work need not delay their work” because a party and/or his/her representative or attorney is unavailable (Ch. 2, Sect. 5(c)). There will be no “merits determinations, disputed-ballot rulings, and material procedural rulings” at the Pre-Recount Inspections; again, these Inspections are almost exclusively an administrative and preparation function. For these reasons, **the Pre-Recount Inspections for the Senate District 15 Recount will proceed in accordance with Order 2026-17 on June 11, 2026 and June 12, 2026 (if necessary).**

9. Petitioner is given until **June 17, 2026** to file his response and/or objection (if any) to Respondent Brown’s *Motion for Disclosure, Recusal, and Related Relief*.

10. The parties will be deemed to have “filed” any motion/response/reply in this proceeding upon receipt by the Recount Director at enorris@dsvlaw.com. Such filings must also include service on the opposing candidate or his/her representative. The following individuals must also be included on all future service lists (including the Recount Director and opposing candidate(s)): jkraft@dsvlaw.com; nplopper@dsvlaw.com; ndrake@dsvlaw.com; durenner@sos.in.gov; jbonnet@sos.in.gov; mkochevar@iec.in.gov; kprentice@sos.in.gov.

11. The Recount Director takes no further action regarding the requested Contest proceeding as part of this Order.

12. 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 10th 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

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