

INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION

ORDER 2026-8

**INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION
EMPLOYMENT OF RECOUNT DIRECTOR AND
DELEGATION OF CERTAIN POWERS TO THE RECOUNT DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-12-10-2.5 and Chapter 2, Section 4 of the Guidelines for Conduct of an Election Recount and Contest adopted by the State Recount Commission, require that the Commission employ and set the salary of an attorney to serve as Recount Director, and that the Recount Director perform the tasks delegated to the Director by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evan M. Norris, Esq. is willing to serve as Recount Director on behalf of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(a) permits the State Recount Commission to designate a person to exercise any of the Commission's powers other than the final adoption of rules, the final determination of a recount, or the final determination of a contest;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(b) requires that a person who is designated to exercise any of these powers (who is not a member of the Commission) must be an attorney;

WHEREAS, Mr. Evan M. Norris is an attorney and member in good standing of the Indiana bar, and therefore qualified under Indiana Code 3-12-10-7(b) to exercise powers delegated to her by the Commission;

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the efficient and timely performance of any recount or contest proceeding to be conducted by the Commission to delegate the authority of the Commission to the Recount Director, subject to the limitations set forth by Indiana Code 3-12-10-7

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the Recount Director to issue impoundment orders and take other actions to preserve the integrity of election materials before or upon filing of a petition for a recount or contest with the Indiana Election Division;

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the Recount Director to employ Deputy Recount Directors to assist the Recount Director and Commission with efficient and expedient administration of recount and contest activities; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and expedient for the Recount Director to issue impoundment orders and coordinate recount and contest activities, without the necessity of the chair convening meetings of the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE INDIANA RECOUNT COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. The State Recount Commission employs Mr. Evan M. Norris to serve as Recount Director for the Commission in accordance with IC 3-12-10-2.5,

SECTION 2. The salary for this employment is set at One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per hour, and reimbursement of necessary expenses pursuant to IC 3-12-10-3(b) incurred on behalf of the Commission in the performance of her duties.

SECTION 3. This employment takes effect immediately upon the adoption of this Order and continues until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

SECTION 4. The Recount Director may employ and supervise 1 or 2 attorneys to serve as Deputy Recount Directors to assist the Recount Director and Commission on an as-needed basis to facilitate administration of recounts and contests.

SECTION 5. The salary for Deputy Recount Directors is set at One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per hour, and reimbursement of necessary expenses pursuant to IC 3-12-10-3(b) incurred on behalf of the Recount Director and Commission.

SECTION 6. All previous actions and orders by the Commission to employ and delegate powers to a Recount Director are rescinded.

SECTION 7. The State Recount Commission designates Mr. Evan M. Norris, member in good standing of the Indiana bar, as the person who may exercise any of the Commission's powers under Indiana Code 3-12-10-7, including the ordering of the impoundment of any election records, material, or equipment. This delegation applies to all powers of the Commission with the exception of any power set forth in IC 3-12-10-7(a).

SECTION 8. This Order takes effect immediately upon its approval by the Commission.

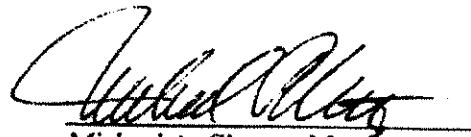
ADOPTED, THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MAY 2026:



Diego Morales, Chair
State Recount Commission



Paul Mullin, Member



Michael A. Claytor, Member