

**MEETING NOTICE OF THE  
Monroe County Election Board**

Bloomington, Indiana 47404

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**Election Board Meeting**

**February 2, 2023**

**Election Board Hybrid Meeting**

1 pm

Nat U Hill Room

100 W Kirkwood Ave

Bloomington, IN 47404

Virtual Attendance:

<https://monroecounty-in.zoom.us/j/82813461767?pwd=Rk9uRFJJLytnNlVlVWE4a1cra1ZtUT09>

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- I. Call to Order (Chair)
- II. Old Business
  - A. Approval of Minutes of January 5 Meeting (Election Board)

B. Campaign Finance Policy/Procedure/Guidelines Adoption

a. CURRENT GUIDELINES

In May 2016, the Election Board established guidelines to manage late filing fines equitably. Since then, these guidelines (not policies) have been followed unless circumstances call for other decisions. It takes a unanimous vote by Board members to adjust the statute-defined civil penalty of \$50/day up to \$1000 [code 3-9-4-16c]. The May 2016 minutes said:

The Monroe County Election Board noted that candidates are to follow the campaign requirements, and the Election Board will follow the law regarding penalties/fines. The Election Board stated that it does not enjoy assessing penalties but that following the law holds everyone accountable. These guidelines were unanimously passed by the Election Board to equitably apply penalties to candidates with delinquent filings (barring significant mitigating circumstances):

1st Offense: No penalty - The Election Board wants candidates to participate in the election process and be excited to run. They understand that candidates may not know all of the details of financial reporting requirements and want to minimize the burden of this 1st delinquent filing.

2nd Offense: Last Warning – no penalty

3rd Offense: 25% of the statute-defined penalty

Additional Offense: 100% of the statute-defined penalty

b. Appendix A – Proposal 1

III. New Business

- A. Updates (Karen Wheeler/Nicole Browne)
- B. Late Filers Address
- C. Public Comments
- D. Next County Election Board Meeting March 2, 2023 1:00 pm

IV. MOTION TO RECESS OR ADJOURN

## Appendix A

### Proposed Campaign Finance Policy (1)

Pursuant to IC 3-9-4-16c the Monroe County Election Board adopts the following policy:

Campaign finance filing dates close at 12:00pm (Noon) on the day of the deadline. Candidates and/or committees who miss the deadline are subject to the below schedule. Monroe County Election Board will notify of any issued fines.

#### First Offense – Notification to Candidates

*Candidates' tardiness shall be noted in public meeting of the Monroe County Election Board. Any additional communication/notification regarding the matter shall be the responsibility of Party Chairs.*

Second Offense – 50% of the Statutory Max (\$25.00/day until current; max \$1000.00)

Third Offense – 100% of the Statutory Max (\$50.00/day until current; max \$1000.00)

Candidates and/or committees can pay fines in full or dispute them at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Monroe County Election Board.

NOTE: Policy should be printed and added to candidate packets.