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## STATE CANVASSING BOARD CERTIFIES PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

**BISMARCK, ND**—The State Canvassing Board certified the 2026 Primary Election results today, making them official for state, judicial, and legislative contests. Election results were submitted by the 53 county canvassing boards, which are responsible for reviewing the election results from each precinct within their county. In addition to reviewing election results for all contests on the ballot, county canvassing boards are required to certify their county contests 13 days after election day.

State canvassing board members include Secretary of State Michael Howe, State Treasurer Thomas Beadle, Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court Petra Mandigo Hulm, and the state committee chairs of political parties on the ballot, Derek Turbide (representing Matthew Simon) – Republican Party, and Annelise Klein (representing Adam Goldwyn) – Democratic-NPL Party.

In the 2026 primary election, 125,225 eligible voters cast ballots for a statewide voter turnout of 20.86%.

- 39,644 absentee/vote by mail ballots were sent and 34,756 were returned, resulting in an 87.67% return percentage.
- 17,288 people took part in early voting.

Official results for contests and ballot measures can be found on the [North Dakota Secretary of State election results website](#).

For more information about North Dakota elections, visit [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov).

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