

December 27, 2025

**To:** Sourcewell Member Chief Executive Officers in Sub-Region I and IV

**From:** Katrina Wood, Election Judge

**Re:** Voting Information and Ballot for the 2025 Sourcewell Board of Directors Election

Enclosed you will find the election ballot and candidate biographies for this year's Board of Directors election. Please reproduce and distribute this information at your next Board meeting.

**Voting Clarification:**

- **School districts:** Each board *member* receives **one vote**.
- **Cities and counties:** Each *organization* receives **one organizational vote**, determined by a majority vote of its governing body – not one vote per individual board or council member.

After your vote is determined, place the completed ballot in an envelope, seal it, and sign across the seal.

Please mail or deliver the signed, sealed envelope to:

**Katrina Wood / Sourcewell Election**  
Sourcewell  
202 12th Street NE  
Staples, MN 56479

Ballots must arrive **no later than February 1, 2026**.

To ensure receipt, we are sending this letter by certified mail, return receipt requested. To help reduce postage costs, please reproduce the ballot if needed and provide your own return envelope. Be sure to seal and sign across the seal and clearly mark the front: "**Sourcewell Election**."

If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact me at **218-541-5227** or [Katrina.Wood@sourcewell-mn.gov](mailto:Katrina.Wood@sourcewell-mn.gov).

Thank you for your participation and for all you do for Sourcewell.

**Enclosures:**

- Election ballot
- Election biographies

## Sourcewell Board of Directors Election Biographies

### Sub Region I



**Sharon Thiel** has had the honor of serving on the Sourcewell Board of Directors for six years, working to strengthen collaboration and support initiatives that make a positive difference across the region. With 18 years of service on the Bertha-Hewitt School Board and 33 years of experience in education administration at Freshwater Education District, she is dedicated to using resources wisely and advancing opportunities that benefit schools and communities. Sharon remains committed to working diligently to continue making meaningful impacts throughout the region and thanks you for your consideration.

## 2025 SOURCEWELL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

### Official Ballot

#### Sub Region I

Each individual board member of each Sourcewell member school district is asked to complete one ballot and give it to your board clerk, who will return the completed ballots in a sealed envelope marked **Sourcewell Election** to: Sourcewell, Attn: Katrina Wood, 202 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples MN 56479.

### Instructions

Vote for candidates by marking an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for:

Four- year term. Vote for ONE

	Sharon Thiel
	(write-in)