



**Alpena County Clerk's Office**  
**Bonnie Friedrichs, Alpena County Clerk**

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Date: Sept. 14, 2021

To: Alpena County Board of Commissioners

From: Bonnie Friedrichs

Re: Board of Canvassers

In regard to the attached letter from the SOS, Bureau of Elections- I received only one name and letter of interest for the Board of Canvassers appointment. (There is 1 Democrat and 1 Republican member to be appointed).

The Democratic Party nomination is for Christine Brennan-Bond – and as she is the only candidate there is not a need for a “secret ballot”. A motion to appoint will be sufficient.

The Republican Party failed to send in names, and that appointment will become a vacancy with the appointment made by the County Clerk.

Thank you



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8/23/21

To Whom It May Concern,  
On Thursday August 19, 2021 at our monthly County Committee meeting the ACDP Members nominated Christine Brennan-Bond as our Nominee for the open Democratic Seat on the Alpena Board of Canvassers. Her Letter of Qualification to serve is included to the Alpena County Board of Commissioners for the consideration of the Commissioners.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie M. Felder".

Marie Fielder  
Chairperson  
Alpena County Democratic Party

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To whom it may concern,

I'm Christine Brennan Bond, a resident of Alpena County and interested in serving on the Alpena County Board of Canvassers, as a Democrat. I intend to discharge the duties of the position to the best of my ability in accordance with all applicable Michigan Laws.

My prior election experience includes working as a Poll Clerk on election day for about 8 years in Spartanburg County, SC (approx 2000 to 2008 - both primaries & general), volunteering as a Poll Watcher, registering voters, GOTV for John Kerry & Barack Obama, paid Campaign Manager for Paul Corden - US House from SC, volunteer County Campaign Chair for John Edwards, Event Planner and 2nd Vice Chair for Spartanburg County Democratic Party and Precinct Organizer.

I have no prior Board canvassing experience.

I have no prior convictions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Brennan Bond".

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## Expiring County Canvassers Seats

Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

Thu 7/29/2021 3:19 PM

To: Brater, Jonathan (MDOS) <BraterJ@michigan.gov>

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MIGOP Letter.pdf; MDP Letter.pdf;

County Clerks and Election Directors,

The terms of two members of the Board of County Canvassers established in your county expire on November 1 this year (one Republican member and one Democratic member). Michigan election law provides that the expired terms must be filled as follows:

- The county committee of each political party is required to provide the County Clerk with the names of three nominees for the party's expiring seat on the Board **no later than September 1, 2021**. (MCL 168.24c(2))
- The County Board of Commissioners is required to fill the two vacancies on the Board by electing a Republican member and a Democratic member from the submitted names. Michigan election law specifies that the County Board of Commissioners use ballots when filling the seats. (MCL 168.24c(3)) (Note: As the Open Meetings Act prohibits a voting procedure at a public meeting which prevents citizens from knowing how members of the public body have voted, a "secret" balloting process cannot be employed by the Board of County Commissioners when filling the positions.)
- The County Clerk is required to notify the appointees within five days. (MCL 168.24a(7))
- Michigan election law grants the County Board of Commissioners the authority to request any of the following from county canvasser nominees before making the required appointments:
  - A letter signed by the nominee indicating 1) an interest in serving on the Board of County Canvassers and 2) an intent to discharge the duties of the position to the best of his or her ability.
  - Information on any prior election experience, including canvassing elections.
  - Information on whether the nominee has been convicted of a felony or election crime.

We have alerted the state Republican and Democratic Party Chairpersons of the September 1 deadline for the county committees to certify names to you, and have asked that they advise their county committees. We also ask that you alert the members of the County Board of Commissioners in your county of their responsibilities in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office at [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov).

Thank you,

**Jonathan Brater**

*Director of Elections*

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