



RESOLUTION NO. 26-0209-B1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, CANVASSING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 31, 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR PRO TEM TO SERVE A TERM EXPIRING MAY 2026 AND A MAYOR TO SERVE A TERM EXPIRING MAY 2027, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on this 9th day of February, 2026, at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, a quorum to canvass being present, the meeting was called to order and the following business was transacted:

CANVASS OF RETURNS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, ordered a Special Election to be held in the City on January 31, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor Pro Tem to serve a term expiring May 2026 and a Mayor to serve a term expiring May 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judges and other officials holding the election for a Mayor Pro Tem and a Mayor have submitted the official results to the City Commission as follows, and as shown in "EXHIBIT A", and said returns being made according to law, and duly authenticated, and it being shown that written notice of said election was posted for the time and in the manner provided by law, and all other proceedings pertaining to said elections having been shown to have been done and performed at and within the manner provided by law, and all papers pertaining thereto having been returned and filed with the City Commission and no protest or objection being made to or regarding any matter pertaining to said election; and

That the tabulation of votes cast for the office of Mayor Pro Tem are as follows:

CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	VOTE %
Sara Wilder	155	9.56%
Chad Wester	608	37.48%
David Espedal	671	41.37%
Trevor Wilhoite	188	11.59%
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1622	100%

It appearing that no candidate received a majority of the votes required to be declared to be elected, a run-off election will be ordered. The two candidates receiving the highest votes are **Chad Wester** and **David Espedal**.

That the tabulation of votes cast for the office of Mayor are as follows:

CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED	VOTE %
Maxwell Quattlebaum	39	2.38%
Lou Luckhardt	81	4.94%
Lynda Isbell	846	51.62%
Walt Lese	27	1.65%
Becky McCarty	646	39.41%
TOTAL VOTES CAST	1639	100%

It appearing that **Lynda Isbell** received a majority of all votes cast for all the candidates for the office of Mayor, and is hereby declared to be elected to the office to serve a term expiring May 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ENNIS, TX:

SECTION 1. That all of the findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact.

SECTION 2. That upon a motion by Commissioner Jones and a second by Commissioner Watson, it was unanimously ordered that the City Commission consider the official returns of the elections held in the City on the above-mentioned date for the election of City Officers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this canvass and declaration of results of said election be entered in the Minutes of the City Commission, and that said Officers, after they have qualified and taken their Oaths of Office, shall serve their respective terms commencing February 9, 2026, and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

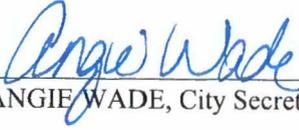
This Resolution, declaring the results of the election, shall become effective immediately after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas on this 9th day of February, 2026.



KAMERON RABURN, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANGIE WADE, City Secretary



EXHIBIT A



ELLIS COUNTY ELECTIONS

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City of Ennis Special Election January 31, 2026 Election Returns

I, Jana Onyon, Ellis County Elections Administrator, do hereby certify the following official results to be a true and correct tally for the January 31, 2026 election results for the canvassing authority.

Precincts Counted	2
Registered Voters	12,315
Ballots Cast	1,654
Voter Turnout	13.43%

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of February 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jana Onyon".

Jana Onyon, Elections Administrator

City of Ennis Results Report
Special Election
January 31, 2026

EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR CANVASS

Ellis County, Texas

Statistics

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Registered Voters - Total	12,315			
Ballots Cast - Total	1,654	7	851	796
Voter Turnout - Total	13.43%			

Ennis Mayor, Unexp. Term

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Maxwell Quattlebaum	39	2.38%	0	19	20
Lou Luckhardt	81	4.94%	0	45	36
Lynda Isbell	846	51.62%	3	468	375
Walt Lese	27	1.65%	0	13	14
Becky McCarty	646	39.41%	4	300	342
Total Votes Cast	1,639	100.00%	7	845	787
Overvotes	0		0	0	0
Undervotes	15		0	6	9
Contest Totals	1,654		7	851	796

Ennis Mayor Pro Tem, At Large, Unexp. Term

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Sara Wilder	155	9.56%	1	69	85
Chad Wester	608	37.48%	4	288	316
David Espedal	671	41.37%	0	394	277
Trevor Wilhoite	188	11.59%	2	86	100
Total Votes Cast	1,622	100.00%	7	837	778
Overvotes	0		0	0	0
Undervotes	32		0	14	18
Contest Totals	1,654		7	851	796

EXHIBIT A

City of Ennis Precinct by Race Report
Special Election
January 31, 2026

OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR CANVASS

Ellis County, Texas

STATISTICS

	Registered Voters - Total	Ballots Cast - Total	Voter Turnout - Total
1009,1017-1020.501	8,403	1,361	16.2%
1014-1016.501	3,912	293	7.49%
Totals	12,315	1,654	

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	Ennis Mayor, Unexp. Term								
	VOTE FOR 1								
	Maxwell Quattlebaum	Lou Luckhardt	Lynda Isbell	Walt Lese	Becky McCarty	Total Votes Cast	Overvotes	Undervotes	Contest Total
1009,1017-1020.501	25	68	709	21	527	1,350	0	11	1,361
1014-1016.501	14	13	137	6	119	289	0	4	293
Totals	39	81	846	27	646	1,639	0	15	1,654

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Ennis Mayor Pro Tem, At Large, Unexp. Term

VOTE FOR 1

	Sara Wilder	Chad Wester	David Espedal	Trevor Wilhoite	Total Votes Cast	Overvotes	Undervotes	Contest Total
1009,1017-1020.501	122	503	569	150	1,344	0	17	1,361
1014-1016.501	33	105	102	38	278	0	15	293
Totals	155	608	671	188	1,622	0	32	1,654