

Public Observation of Election Verification

SUMMARY

The League of Women Voters Minnesota (LWVMN) is recruiting and training volunteers to observe the [Post-Election Review](#) in 2024. With our statewide membership, support from Citizens for Election Integrity Minnesota (CEIMN) and community partners, we aim to have 3-4 “Nonpartisan Observers” in 20-30 counties. Volunteers will gain a deeper understanding of Minnesota’s election verification process and provide a factual record of its accuracy.

HOW TO BE AN OBSERVER

Volunteers can expect that the PER will take 3-8 hours depending on the county size and will be asked to meet their county team at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The meeting will take place in the County Courthouse or Government building between the weekdays of Nov. 14-Nov. 19. The exact meeting location, along with the date and time, will be shared with you and your team before the first training on Oct. 28, 2024.

For the PER, the room will be divided into a section for the party-balanced election judges who hand count the ballots, and a section for the public to view the process. Arriving early will ensure that you have access to a good seat, and you will be able to leave the room as needed.

The county election administrator keeps the meeting on track to ensure that the election judges can complete the review of the randomly selected precincts for the U.S. President, U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative and that the public can observe the entire process. LWVMN observers agree to work with their team to promptly report any issues that delay the PER and to report their observations using the provided form.



(Observers of the 2022 Post-Election Review in Dakota County)

OBSERVE WITH LWVMN

LWVMN is proud to take on the work begun by CEIMN, who has organized non-partisan observations of Minnesota’s post-election audit since they were [first implemented in 2006](#)! This year marks the fourth time that we are partnering with CEIMN to organize the audit observation. A report on the 2022 audit can be found [here](#).

Today, our voting machines and processes continue to be challenged. Regardless of the vote totals, the post-election review (audit) process can counter the growing challenges of mis- and disinformation on local election offices. LWVMN is uniquely positioned to lead the observation effort as a statewide organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending our strong election safeguards.

All observers must attend one of the three online training sessions which will be supported by CEIMN. At the training, observers will be shown how to report their observations used to document the PER’s accuracy. All observers must agree to our code of conduct which is printed on the back of your “Nonpartisan Observer” lanyard.

LWVMN will assist each county team with all preparations and host an online statewide debrief for observers. Lastly, LWVMN will communicate with the media, and volunteers will be encouraged to submit letters to their local paper about their experience *as nonpartisan observers of the election verification process*. We hope you’ll join us!

Sign-up here or using the QR Code: bit.ly/PERsignupLWV

Please choose one training date:

- Tuesday, October 29, 4 - 5:30 pm, Zoom
- Thursday, November 7, 7 - 8:30 pm, Zoom
- Friday, November 8, 10 - 11:30 am, Zoom



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